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WASHINGTON.

Another Severe Arraignment of the President by Republican Senators.

Tipton Declares Corruption in the Administration Deep and Damning.

Williams, of Oregon, Nominated to Succeed Akerman.

Important Features of the Apportionment Bill.

[Special Telegraphic Correspondence of the Courier-Journal.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—A vote was finally reached in the Senate to-day, after another discussion, on the resolution to raise a standing committee on investigation and expenditure. Mr. Trumbull's amendment to require an investigation into all the departments of the Government where fraud and corruption are alleged failed of adoption by 29 to 35. This measure tested more closely than any vote this session the anti-Administration strength in the Senate, while the speeches of Messrs. Schurz and Tipton were severe in their

ARRAIGNMENT OF THE PRESIDENT

for their non-interference with the general order business of the New York Custom-house, which was denounced as a shameless system of robbery. The members of the old Retrenchment Committee sustained the statement that the inspectors and others, who themselves testified that they had taken bribes, were still in office. Mr. Tipton, for a Republican Senator, was very emphatic in his declaration that corruption was deep and damning all through this administration. Although temporarily defeated, the anti-Administration Republicans intend to move to instruct this committee to go to work investigating the New York Custom-house.

ADJOURN.

All the rumors and gossip about the resignation of Attorney General Akerman have at last been settled by the nomination of his successor to-day in the Senate in the person of Ex-Senator Williams, of Oregon. The change, however, will not take place till the middle of January, as Mr. Akerman will be obliged to represent the Government in certain cases till that time. From the Attorney General's office it is understood that he is to be transferred to the vacant Judgeship for the District of Florida. This Cabinet change excited little or no comment.

SCIENCE.

The last official dispatches from Minister Schenck make no mention whatever of the newspaper charges made against him, and therefore say nothing about his contemplated recall or his desire to resign, and, as the Administration has taken no action whatever in the matter, all reports of a change in the mission to London are, as a consequence, unfounded.

THE FEMALE SUFFRAGISTS

who are here are meeting a counter-current. In the Senate to-day a memorial, signed by nearly four thousand women, and encased in a bag of red, white and blue satin, was presented, protesting against female suffrage.

THE STEAMBOATMEN.

The delegation of steamboatmen was heard at length to-day by the House Committee on Commerce in complaint of the rules and regulations made by the Board of Supervising Steamboat Inspectors. They regard those as most oppressive and in the interest of special intervention, etc. Remedial legislation is expected.

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS.

At a joint meeting of the House Committee on Appropriations and Public Buildings to-day a bill was introduced on the subject of the Government building in Chicago, that the Secretary of the Treasury be authorized and directed to purchase at private sale or by condemnation, in pursuance of the statute of Illinois, the remainder of the square of ground not now belonging to the United States on which the custom-house and postoffice-building lately burned in the city of Chicago was situated if the same can be obtained either by private purchase or condemnation at what, in his judgment, is a fair and reasonable price; but if not, then it shall be his duty to purchase, in one of the ways aforesaid, some other square of ground, not more than two squares distant from the square on which said building was located, and to cause to be erected on the square purchased a fire-proof building suitable for the custom-house, sub-treasury, postoffice, United States Court, pension and internal revenue offices; and for the purpose there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, two million of dollars, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall cause proper plans and estimates to be made, so that no expenditure shall be made or authorized for the full completion of said building, including the cost of the site, exceeding four millions of dollars, and before any money is expended upon the construction of the building the plan of the same shall be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, the Postmaster General, and the Attorney General; provided that no money hereby appropriated shall be used or applied for the purpose aforesaid until a valid title to the land for the site of such building shall be vested in the United States, and until the State of Illinois shall also duly release and relinquish to the United States the right to tax, or in any way assess said site, or the property of the United States that be thereon, during the time the United States shall be or remain the owner of said property.

APPORTIONMENT BILL.

All day long the House was engaged on the apportionment bill, and finally passed that introduced by Gen. Garfield, by which the House of future Congresses of 283 members, and on a basis of representation of 133,000 population and a fraction. By the bill New Hampshire and Vermont are the only States that lose each a Representative. The gains of States are as follows: Massachusetts one, New York one, New Jersey two, Pennsylvania one, Maryland one, Virginia one, North Carolina one, South Carolina one, Georgia two, Alabama one, Mississippi one, Ohio one, Kentucky one, Tennessee one, Indiana one, Illinois five, Missouri four, Arkansas one, Michigan three, Texas two, Iowa three, Wisconsin two, California one, Minnesota one, and Kansas two. This increases the present House forty members, while Illinois makes the largest gain in representation. A very important amendment was adopted, providing that no State, however, be admitted that is not sufficient in population to entitle it to a Representative. This will exclude Utah, Colorado and New Mexico, which it has been proposed lately to erect into States. The bill has yet to pass the Senate.

UTAH.

The Committee on Territories, at their meeting to-day, had a discussion on the proposition for passing an enabling act for the admission of Utah. No action, however, will be taken until after the holidays.

[To the Associated Press.]

THE CHICAGO CUSTOM-HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds was in conference to-day with the Committee on Appropriations. The latter agreed to report back Mr. Farewell's bill, with an amendment, reducing the appropriation from five to four millions dollars for the erection of buildings in Chicago. The General Government will purpose this amount to cover all expenses.

AKERMAN SUCCEEDED.

The President to-day sent to the Senate the name of Geo. H. Williams, of Oregon, to be Attorney General in place of Akerman, whose resignation is to take effect January 10th.

NOMINATIONS.

Joseph M. Carey, Associate Justice of the the Supreme Court of Wyoming; Chas. F. Browne, of Ohio, Pension Agent, Cincinnati; Benj. F. Sweet, of Illinois, First Deputy Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

STEAMBOATMEN.

The House Committee on Commerce this morning gave a hearing to the delegation of steamboatmen.

THE LATE GEN. ANDERSON.

The War Department in general orders announces to the army the death of Brigadier-General Robert Anderson, of Fort Sumter record, and the high honors conferred on him by his military service and private character. On arrival of his remains on the ship of war Canonicus, proper orders will be issued to do them honor.

A CLAIM.

The British bark Chance, and the Hawaiian bark Arctic, the vessels which saved and brought to Honolulu, the wrecked seamen of the whaling fleet recently broken up by ice in the North Pacific, have presented this Government a claim for services rendered, to the amount of $9,520.

THE SOUTHERN CLAIMS COMMISSION

made a report to Congress to-day. They say voluntary residence in an insurrectionary State during the war is *prima facie* evidence of disloyalty, and must be rebutted by satisfactory evidence. Claims have come from those who served in the rebel army, and the Commissioners hold that such service is proof of disloyalty. The whole number of claims presented up to the end of November is 10,096, and the entire amount $36,599,000. The Commissioners have examined 980 cases, in which the amount claimed is $1,656,357. They allowed $344,168.

WILLIAMS CONFIRMED.

The Senate, in Executive session, to-day took up the nomination of George H. Williams to be Attorney General of the United States, and unanimously confirmed it without reference to the committee. This was in accordance with usage and courtesy in every case where the nominee had been a member of the Senate, his character being sufficiently known without requiring a formal inquiry.

THE AKERMAN-GRANT CORRESPONDENCE.

The following is the correspondence between Mr. Akerman and President Grant:

RESIGNATION.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, } WASHINGTON, Dec. 13, 1871. }

To the President:

SIR:—I hereby resign the office of Attorney General of the United States, this resignation to take effect in accordance with a wish which you verbally expressed to me to-day, on the 10th of January next.

[Signed] A. T. AKERMAN.

THE LETTER.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, Dec. 13,

To the President:

DEAR SIR: In tendering the accompanying resignation of the office of Attorney General, permit me to express the grateful sense of the kindness which I have uniformly received from you during my service in office, and my cordial wishes for the continued success of your administration.

[Signed] A. T. AKERMAN.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPLY.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, } WASHINGTON, Dec. 13, 1871. }

Hon. A. T. Akerman, Attorney General:

DEAR SIR—In accepting your resignation as Attorney General, to take effect on the 10th of January, permit me to renew the assurance of my high regards for you, personally, and my appreciation of the zeal and application which you have brought to the office which you have so honorably filled. I can refer with pride to the uniform harmony which has constantly existed not only between us, but also between yourself and colleagues in the Cabinet, all of whom I know unite with me in hearty wishes for your future prosperity, health and happiness. Your personal note accompanying your letter of resignation is gratefully received as a token of reciprocity of the kind shntiment which I shall ever appreciate.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) U. S. GRANT,

CHICAGO CUSTOM-HOUSE.

The committees on Appropriations and Public Buildings of the House held a consultation to-day. The former will report in favor of four millions of dollars for a post-office building in Chicago to answer for all Government offices.

CALL FROM CHICAGO.

A pamphlet was laid on the desk of the members to-day, advocating or advocating a plan of Government aid toward rebuilding Chicago, by the issue of money to the owners of real estate there, secured at long dates on the property.

AMERICAN-BRITISH CLAIMS.

The American and British Commission today decided that the United States are not liable for the payment of debts contracted by the rebel authorities.

CONFIRMATIONS.

The Senate in Executive session confirmed the following nominations: George H. Baker, of Pennsylvania, Minister Resident of Cochin-China; Marsh Giddings, of Michigan, Governor of New Mexico; David B. Nevin, of Pennsylvania, Pension Agent for the Widows' Agency of Philadelphia; Horatio G. Sickles, Pension Agent for Invalid Pensions of Philadelphia; Wm. Miller, as Forest, suspended under the tenure-of-office law.

THE STEAMBOATMEN

had an interview this morning with the House Committee on Commerce, and are to have another audience with the committee on Saturday next. Several more delegates have arrived, and to-day and to-morrow will be a busy time, which will continue in session until Saturday night.

GOVERNOR PALMER OF ILLINOIS.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 14.—A Washington dispatch of yesterday, which says that a representative from Gov. Palmer, of Illinois, is in Washington, urging the President for the removal of Government troops from Chicago, is authentically denied at the Executive office. The Governor has not been, and has now had, any representative or agent at Washington, empowered to represent his views, or to make any application in his behalf. He is the Governor is of the opinion that his duty in the matter of the military occupation was ended when he had laid the facts in the case before the General Assembly, the proper guardian of the people's rights.

PROBABLE RESULT OF THE GENEVA COUNCIL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The Herald's special dispatch from Washington says that it is now appears to have been discovered that the British Government has completely outwitted the administration in that part of the treaty of Washington providing for the appointment of arbitrators, and that a decision adverse to the interests and interpretations of Alabama will be the result of the Geneva Conference. Only two of the five arbitrators are to be republican from the start, and it is said that the upshot of this will be a reopening of the Alabama dispute. The Spanish Government refers to Europe about a complication of this kind and is supposed to favor England's non-liability for the depredations of Alabama, because she desires to hold the United States responsible for the escape of Cuban privateers and the Spanish fleet in the Spanish ports of Florida. This whole subject will be ventilated in the House in a few days, when the Alabama treaty comes up for discussion.

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SENATE.....WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.

Mr. Frelinghuysen presented a petition from the Venezuela Steamship Company asking redress for the seizure of their steamer by Venezuela, and said that the complaint against Venezuela might yet necessitate severe measures on the part of our government.

Mr. Sprague said that it had reached the question, and found his own country in the wrong.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Mr. Buckingham presented a memorial against woman suffrage, and said that more than ten thousand of the most refined and respectable women in the country had signed and petitioned to Congress their unwillingness to have the responsibilities of suffrage thrust upon them. They did not include the names of many of the most resocted and influential women of the country. In looking over the list he found that the names of many of them. They are not manly women but women of good sense, and their judgment is entitled to consideration. They don't say anything about the abstract right of suffrage but they say that having already their full share of burdens and responsibilities in life, they fear that others more bold than they may succeed in having imposed upon them other burdens and responsibilities unsuited to them, and therefore they ask Congress to protect them from the imposition.

Mr. Conkling presented a petition from New York soldiers in the late war, remonstrating the enfranchisement of women in that way, and asking Congress to make some provision for an acknowledgement of their heroic and charitable work.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

A bill was introduced and referred, by Mr. Scott, to promote the securing of efficient seamen for the navy.

By Mr. Harlan—For the relief of certain settlers on public lands in Iowa.

ST. LOUIS AND SALT.

Mr. Trumbull asked Mr. Sherman when the Committee on Finance intended to report the House bill repealing the duty on coal and salt.

Mr. Sherman replied that he expected to take up tariff matters separately from internal taxes.

Mr. Trumbull—Then, I give notice that tomorrow I will move to discharge the Committee on Finance from further consideration of the House bill repealing the duty on coal and salt.

THE EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Senate took up the House bill to regulate the pay of workingmen under the eight-hour law.

Mr. Trumbull's amendment, repealing the law, was read, but on motion of Mr. Wilson, Mr. Trumbull withdrew his amendment in order not to embarrass the original bill.

Mr. Ferry, of Connecticut, moved that when the bill was referred to the Committee on Finance.

RETRENCHMENT BILL.

The Senate then resumed the consideration of Mr. Anthony's resolution to create a Committee on Retrenchment, with Mr. Trumbull's amendment thereto to add during the recess and send for persons and papers.

Mr. Wilson warned his Republican friends that there was danger in their party in a disposition before the country. Already there were millions throughout the country who believed that an attempt had been made in the Senate of the United States to shield the Administration. He hoped there would be a unanimous vote for Mr. Trumbull's resolution, so as to let the people see that the Administration were determined to have a full investigation of abuses in all its departments. He had no sympathy with the plan of covering over our shortcomings by talking of gigantic frauds in New York. There were Republican thieves as well as Democratic thieves, and a Republican thief was to him as far more hateful of the two, because he brought disgrace upon the Republican party. Notwithstanding the defects of the present Administration, it was far purer and more efficient than most of its predecessors. No previous administration had ever been so prompt in punishing delinquency among its own officers.

Mr. Blair—The Senator is very boastful about the purity and rigor of the Administration. I wish to call his attention to a case in Arkansas where a District Attorney and Marshal were both removed from office for procuring an indictment against a man for violating a law of the United States.

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Mr. Blair reiterated the statement.

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Mr. Nye opposed Mr. Trumbull's resolution. Certain gentlemen in the Republican party who thought the President was becoming too popular devised the scheme of civil-service reform, and under that cry they were now attempting to revive the old committee, with all the extraordinary powers of sending for persons and papers.

Mr. Thurman—The Senator objects to sending for persons and papers. Where was his voice on the memorable occasion when a committee of the House of Representatives was examining into the conduct and affairs of Senators to discover whether they had not been bribed to acquit Andrew Johnson, and were ransacking their pockets for proof of the charge that might compromise those Senators?

Mr. Nye—Just where it is now. Give me another such set of circumstances and I will vote for it again. But there is no such occasion now. There is no use in the Senate to save with one here and there who would be greater than his master. [Laughter.]

Mr. Schurz—I agree with Mr. Nye, and in the course of his remarks, said: The legislative sphere of a comedian is generally within the walls of the theatre, but of this Senator is satisfied with the role he plays here nobody else has reason to be dissatisfied. Those who defend a bad cause always resort to a certain line of defense. They attempt to throw suspicion on the motives of those who attack. So with the Senator from Nevada (Nye). Like other Senators here, he makes no attempt to disprove any of the facts that I stated yesterday in regard to the New York custom-house, but simply throws aspersions upon my motives, and accuses me of insinuating that Mr. Leet's service in the army should prevent him from obtaining employment in the civil service of the Government, and that the President had something to do with the carriage of business in New York. I wish to say a few words in reply to the Senator from New York (Mr. Conkling.) He said yesterday that the investigation of the New York custom-house was closed up by the Committee on Retrenchment last year. The committee did undoubtedly believe that the case was closed, for it had reason to believe that, when such scandals as it exposed were laid bare, the administration would jump at the chance to put an end to the disgrace, but it turns out that they were vastly mistaken, for the most stupendous system of robbery exists down to this day, in spite of the exposures made by that committee. The Senator says that we have never proposed in legislation to remove these abuses, because no legislation was necessary. The abuses were created by or exercise action in the administration of the custom house, and they could be done away with by executive action. The Senator objected to what I said of the power which sustains this system. I did say, having laid the evidence before the Senate, that it was the most respectable mercantile in New York had protested against this system of robbery; when the Secretary of the Treasury had time and again no truth in the reported failure of the Hoboken Bank. [Laughter.] I say that his Republican friends could train to be loyal? The Senator from Indiana (Morton) had boasted that it was a distinguishing feature of the Republican party that it was prompt to punish wrong-doers among its members. He (Tipton) had once believed so, and had so stated in his speeches, but he had been proscribed and punished for it ever since.

Mr. Trumbull's amendment was rejected by a vote of 24 yeas to 35 nays.

The following Republicans voted for it: Alcorn, Fenton, Logan, Patterson, Robertson, Schurz, Stanley, Tipton, Trumbull, West and Wilson.

The original resolution was then adopted.

Mr. Trumbull then moved to instruct the committee provided for in the resolution just adopted to inquire into all subjects enumerated in his rejected amendment and made a few remarks.

He denied that he had done or proposed or said any thing hostile to the Administration or the Republican party. He was astounded at the personal attacks which had been made in this debate. He was hostile to none who were not dishonest and corrupt, and would help to punish them as they like, if the Administration or party did not desire honesty in the Government? The President had declared in favor of reform.

Mr. Morton said that the drift of the debate was a reflection upon the Republican party, and on the President from the start.

Mr. Trumbull—Have I ever said or intimated that?

Mr. Morton replied that from the spirit of the Senator's remarks he inferred that he (Trumbull) did believe that gross corruption existed under the present Administration, and he was glad now to find that he did not think so.

Mr. Trumbull said he believed that great abuses did exist under this Administration. Abuses had existed under all administrations, and he believed that the great increase in the amount of patronage had naturally caused an increase in abuse. He had just said, however, that more corruption existed under this than under previous administrations; but then he wished this administration to be better than all its predecessors, and the Republican party to be purer than any other.

Mr. Morton—I am glad to hear the Senator declare his devotion to the Republican party, but I did understand the spirit of his speeches to be different. However, I accept that statement of his position. Now the question of reform is sprung, there seems to be a disposition on the part of some people to make the party to become professional reformers par excellence. They seem to desire to monopolize that business and to set themselves up as the only party to put down corruption. Now I desire to say to those gentlemen, whoever they may be, that for one I shall not allow them to monopolize that business. I claim to be as good a reformer as any of them, although I don't make such high pretensions.

Mr. Trumbull said Mr. Morton was extremely kind to accept his statement, but he declined to answer that Mr. Morton had been a Republican, and denied his right to call him to an account. Senator Morton claimed to be a reformer, but he had a queer way of showing it. Not long ago, in a speech at St. Louis, he had eulogized the civil service as it stands at present.

Mr. Morton remarked that in that speech he had said of the civil service that while there were many reforms and improvements which could be made in it, and which the Republican party would make, he did believe that on the whole the present administration was in all its departments. He had no sympathy with the plan of covering over our shortcomings by talking of gigantic frauds in New York. There were Republican thieves as well as Democratic thieves, and a Republican thief was to him far more hateful of the two, because he brought disgrace upon the Republican party. Notwithstanding the defects of the present Administration, it was far purer and more efficient than most of its predecessors. No previous administration had ever been so prompt in punishing delinquency among its own officers.

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The directors of the Bank of North America have been called to account for aiding in the lock-up in money.

The same letter says the entire East is restless under the cholera scourge in Alexandria, which is on the great highway to and from India, and threatens to disseminate cholera around the globe.

THE DOMINION.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

TORONTO, ONT., Dec. 14.—The debate in the Legislature of Ontario on the address in reply to the Lieutenant-Governor's speech has lasted since Monday. The amendment of Blake, leader of the opposition, condemning the Government for having control of the surplus funds which are to be applied to assist railroad was carried by a vote of 49 to 33.

Mr. McKenzie has moved a resolution of want of confidence in the Government to be added to Blake's amendment. The following is the resolution proposed by Mr. McKenzie: "That in reform pre-excellency they we have no confidence in a ministry that is attempting to carry out, in reference to the granting of said bonds, $1,500,000, a usurpation fraught with danger to the public liberty and constitutional government."

There is great excitement. The vote on McKenzie's resolution will be very close.

CUBA.

ABOUT THE MURDERED STUDENTS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—A private letter from Havana says it is believed there that the late Governor Roberts, brother of the Spanish Minister at Washington, caused the arrest of the medical students for the purpose of extorting money from their parents, and unexpectedly found himself unable to control the Spanish mob.

Injunction Obtained—The Slayer of Cummings.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 14.—Nathan Lord, one of the firm of Lord, Leland & Co., railway contractors, obtained to-day a temporary injunction restraining certain members of the firm from entering a release of judgement against the Cairo and Vincennes railroad for over $180,000, without his consent.

John J. Deering has caused the death of Cummings, at Enon, Ohio, last week, was yesterday bound over in the Court of Common Pleas, at Springfield, Ohio, in three thousand dollars bond.

The Kuklux Trials.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 14.—In the Kuklux trial to-day the court was chiefly occupied in hearing witnesses for the defense, who testified to alarm and excitement among all classes in York county, caused by the organization of negro militia. The grand jury today found true bills against several more of the alleged conspirators of York county.

Residence Destroyed.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 14.—The residence of J. W. Dorl, Bar Kingston, Ind., was burnt yesterday. Loss $4,000. Insurance $2,500, in the Ætna.

FRANKFORT.

Fatal Stabbing Affray.

[Special Dispatch to the Courier-Journal.]

FRANKFORT, KY., Dec. 14.—A negro named Luff Gola was stabbed by a young man named Montague, in a house beyond the railroad bridge, about six o'clock this afternoon. The wound proved almost instantly fatal. Montague at once gave himself up to an officer, alleging that the act was committed in self-defense. He is now in jail, and the case will undergo investigation before an examining court to-morrow morning. The parties were in a room by themselves when the affair occurred.

NEW YORK.

The Internationals Triumphant—The Grand Duke's Charities—The Fallen and Tottering Banks—Tennie Claflin Causes her Parents to be Dragged into Court.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The amount realized by the sale of Alexander White's collection of paintings from Chicago was $91,000.

The votes were as follows: Maine 5, New Hampshire 2, Vermont 2, Massachusetts 11, Rhode Island 2, Connecticut 4, New York 32, New Jersey 7, Pennsylvania 26, Delaware 1, Maryland 6, Virginia 9, North Carolina 8, South Carolina 5, Georgia 9, Alabama 7, Mississippi 6, Louisiana 5, Ohio 20, Kentucky 10, Tennessee 9, Indiana 12, Illinois 19, Missouri 15, Arkansas 4, Michigan 9, Florida 1, Texas 6, Iowa 9, Wisconsin 8, California 4, Minnesota 3, Oregon 1, Kansas 3, West Virginia 3, Nevada 1, Nebraska 1.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow.

THE PRINCE SAVED.

A Decided Improvement in His Condition—He takes Food and Rests Well.

The Britons Rejoicing.

STILL IMPROVING.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—A dispatch from London, as late as noon to-day, indicates a slight improvement in the condition of the Prince.

FIRST BULLETIN.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The following bulletin was issued to-day:

SANDRINGHAM, Dec. 14.—The Prince slept during the night. There is some abatement of the graver symptoms.

SECOND BULLETIN.

NOON.—The Prince has been tranquil all the morning. The gain of last night is maintained.

THE PRINCE'S CONDITION MORE CONFIDENT.

2:30 P. M.—No further change has been reported in the Prince's condition. Hopes for his recovery are freely expressed, and public feeling is more confident.

THIRD BULLETIN.

LONDON, Dec. 14, 10 P. M.—An official bulletin from Sandringham announces that the Prince of Wales has passed a quiet afternoon and evening. The symptoms have remained unchanged since morning.

HE WILL RECOVER.

[World's Special.]

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The highest medical authority gives assurance that the Prince of Wales will recover.

SLEEPS QUIET AGAIN.

LONDON, Dec. 15, 2 A. M.—The physicians in attendance upon the Prince of Wales at Sandringham issued a bulletin at 1 A. M., stating that his Royal Highness has been very unquiet since 10 o'clock last night.

THE LATEST.

LONDON, Dec. 15, 5 A. M.—Later dispatches from Sandringham say the Prince of Wales is decidedly better, and takes food well. His strength is greater, and there are strong hopes of continued progress toward recovery.

The Queen and Princess Louise visited the groom of the Prince, who is improving.

THE ITALIAN EMBASSY

in London telegraphs King Victor Emanuel upon the issue of every bulletin.

CROWDS

gather in front of the Mansion House and Marlborough House and cheer loudly when bulletins of a favorable character are posted. The later reports from the Prince have generally relieved the public mind.

FOREIGN.

The Orleans Princes—Seventy-five Algerian Pilgrims Drowned—The Late French War—London Times on Schenck—The Ontario Legislature, Etc.

GREAT BRITAIN.

THE TIMES ON SCHENCK.

The Times this morning condicts the report that the United States Government intends recalling Schenck, Minister to England.

THE TELEGRAPHERS.

Nearly all the telegraph operators, who recently struck, have resumed work.

THE GOVERNMENT

intends suppressing Fenian demonstrations at Londonderry, and troops have been dispatched to that place to suppress all disorders that may arise.

FRANCE.

THIERS' MESSAGE.

BERLIN, Dec. 14.—The Provincial Correspondence regards the message of Thiers to the Assembly as a frank pledge of the pacific intentions of the French Government.

THE ORLEANS PRINCES.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—It is reported that the Orleans princes have determined to take their seats in the Assembly at an early date, and that the Duke of Aumale will act with the party of the Right Center.

THE LATE WAR.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—In the National Assembly to-day, Count Rene de Kerdrel, Monarchist, made a statement in explanation of the delays of the Commission which was sometime since appointed to investigate the conduct of certain of the French fortifications and armies during the late war. The Minister said the Commission had examined the charges connected with the surrender of six fortresses of a secondary character, the commandants of which had been sentenced to undergo punishment according to army regulations. On Saturday the Commission will commence an investigation into the capitulation of the fortress and army of Sedan, and subsequently will turn their attention to Metz.

EGYPT.

SEVENTY-FIVE BELGIANS DROWNED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—A letter from Alexandria, Egypt, gives the details of the drowning of seventy-five Belgians. The steamer had arrived in the outer harbor on their way to Mecca, when protests from consuls against their landing were received, on the ground that they would disseminate cholera and other contageous diseases. Orders were given to land them outside the city, and they were taken from the steamer on a lighter, and while being towed ashore, it was struck by another lighter, which capsized the boat they were in. She sank immediately, carrying all down. The event caused no particular sensation in Alexandria.

CHOLERA.

The same letter says the entire East is restless under the cholera scourge in Alexandria, which is on the great highway to and from India, and threatens to disseminate cholera around the globe.

THE DOMINION.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

TORONTO, ONT., Dec. 14.—The debate in the Legislature of Ontario on the address in reply to the Lieutenant-Governor's speech has lasted since Monday. The amendment of Blake, leader of the opposition, condemning the Government for having control of the surplus funds which are to be applied to assist railroad was carried by a vote of 49 to 33.

Mr. McKenzie has moved a resolution of want of confidence in the Government to be added to Blake's amendment. The following is the resolution proposed by Mr. McKenzie: "That in reform pre-excellency they we have no confidence in a ministry that is attempting to carry out, in reference to the granting of said bonds of $1,500,000, a usurpation fraught with danger to the public liberty and constitutional government."

There is great excitement. The vote on McKenzie's resolution will be very close.

CUBA.

ABOUT THE MURDERED STUDENTS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—A private letter from Havana says it is believed there that the late Governor Roberts, brother of the Spanish Minister at Washington, caused the arrest of the medical students for the purpose of extorting money from their parents, and unexpectedly found himself unable to control the Spanish mob.

Injunction Obtained—The Slayer of Cummings.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 14.—Nathan Lord, one of the firm of Lord, Leland & Co., railway contractors, obtained to-day a temporary injunction restraining certain members of the firm from entering a release of judgement against the Cairo and Vincennes railroad for over $180,000, without his consent.

John J. Deering has caused the death of Cummings, at Enon, Ohio, last week, was yesterday bound over in the Court of Common Pleas, at Springfield, Ohio, in three thousand dollars bond.

The Kuklux Trials.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 14.—In the Kuklux trial to-day the court was chiefly occupied in hearing witnesses for the defense, who testified to alarm and excitement among all classes in York county, caused by the organization of negro militia. The grand jury today found true bills against several more of the alleged conspirators of York county.

Residence Destroyed.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 14.—The residence of J. W. Dorl, Bar Kingston, Ind., was burnt yesterday. Loss $4,000. Insurance $2,500, in the Ætna.

MRS. WHARTON.

Her Trial Growing in Interest—A Prescription Filled in the Presence of the Jury to Show the Difference Between Yellow Jessamine and Tartar Emetic.

Evidence of Van Ness and Others.

ANNAPOLIS, Dec. 14.—In the Wharton case to-day, Harry W. Snowden testified that he was called to the house of Mrs. Wharton on June 28th to nurse Ketchum. He described the symptoms of the General, and then said that shortly after 12:30, o'clock Mrs. Wharton stated to Mrs. Hutton that she had prepared General Ketchum's medicine, and, at Mrs. Wharton's request, witness administered the dose.

[Dr. Williams was here called to the stand, and prepared a dose of yellow jessamine, such as he prescribed for Ketchum.]

Witness resumed and stated that the medicine as now prepared by DR. Williams did not have the same appearance as the dose prepared by Mrs. Wharton and administered by him to Ketchum, which had a thick, cloudy, lead-colored appearance, whereas the preparation now before him was clear and transparent.

Forty additional drops were added to the preparation, and it was still unlike that given to Ketchum.

On cross-examination, the witness stated that he had placed tartar emetic in a tumbler with jessamine and water, and it did not produce the color he observed in the dose administered by him to Ketchum. Witness said that laudanum was also placed in a tumbler with tartar emetic and jessamine, and that the mixture produced a brown color which, in some lights, might have appeared gray or lead colored.

Eugene Van Ness testified that he resides in Baltimore; has resided there eighteen years; has known Mrs. Wharton nine years; was at her house about the 24th of June, while Gen. Ketchum was there.

Mr. Syester—Do not answer the question I am about to ask you until you have heard from the court. I wish you to state to the jury how you came to be at Mrs. Wharton's house on that day, and if well or sick, and describe your feelings and symptoms fully and how you happened to be taken sick there.

The defense objected and a lengthy argument ensued.

CHICAGO.

Died from his Wounds—Remains Found—Condition of the Republic Insurance Company.

CHICAGO, Nov. 14.—Dr. O. H. Hoes, formerly business manager of Crosby's Opera-house, who, it will be remembered, attempted to commit suicide a few weeks ago, by shooting himself in a saloon on State street, died last night from the effects of his wounds.

REMAINS FOUND.

The remains of James Thompson, who has been missing since the fire, were discovered yesterday afternoon under the debris of a building on North Clark street, near Illinois. He was a man of considerable wealth.

REPUBLIC INSURANCE COMPANY.

The directors and stockholders of the Republic Fire Insurance Company of this city have been in session the past two days. Yesterday nothing of importance was accomplished. To-day a committee of auditing Committee appointed to examine into the financial condition was read. It sets forth that the total amount of indebtedness was $884,000; amount of Chicago claims filed but not adjusted, $1,100,000; Chicago claims not filed, $500,000; other losses $65,000; amount required to cancel policies $753,000. The committee recommended that the stockholders pay in the latter amount until all is paid up and the company's liabilities liquidated. They also recommended that losses to be adjusted as soon as possible on the best terms attainable, but in the meantime no more business shall be transacted and no further liabilities be incurred, and that no assessment be enforced beyond what is absolutely necessary for the exigencies of the occasion. A motion the report was accepted and placed on file. It was moved and carried that the executive committee of the company be requested to appoint a finance committee, a sub-committee, to confer with those who have claims on the company, and ascertain in what amount a settlement may be effected at the basis of the liability of the bank to pay all liabilities.

CIGAR MANUFACTURERS.

At a special meeting of cigar manufacturers, (over forty present,) held to-day, praying Congress to consider a law taxing manufacturers of tobacco and cigars, and amend so as to more effectually prevent evasion of the revenue officers, who, at present, are in the habit of putting their own construction on the law, which is detrimental to legitimate manufacturers and the trade. The petition also prayed for the abolition of the present system of requiring manufacturers to be bonded.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The receiver of the Ocean Bank paid $60,000 of the sum due the clearing-house, and will pay the balance next week. The Bank owed $366,000 of the $536,000 of discounted bills are good.

The Communist General Wroblowski has arrived here from Paris.

The small-pox is now said to be epidemic in Brooklyn.

A challenge from Tom Kelly to Joe Coburn for a prize fight is published.

The grand jury of Co. P. Wright settled to-day on a basis of 75 cents on the dollar, and will resume shortly.

New York Stock and Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14—P. M.

The Gold market has been dull at 109¼@109¾. Loans were made at from 5@7 ₱ cent. for carrying.

The clearings to-day at the Gold Exchange Bank were $28,000,000.

The Government Board amounted to $4,535,000 at from 108.38 to 109.50, and the awards were for $1,000,000 at from 109.38¼ to 109¾.

The Government bond market was strong but not active.

There has been an uneasy feeling in the Stock market in consequence of the many rumors afloat in regard to the condition of certain banks, but there was a pressure to sell leading shares, and the day closed up with a general and marked decline in prices. Lake Shore and Pacific Mail led the market on the downward turn, the former declining 2 ₱ cent. and the latter 3¾ ₱ cent. Erie and Western Union were each down 1¾ ₱ cent., and the decline on the balance of the list ranged from ¾ to 1¾ ₱ cent. The business was heavy on Pacific Mail, Western Union, Lake Shore and Ohio. A chron

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KENTUCKY NEWS.

Dr. J. M. Mills, of Frankfort, has returned to his home from Hopkinsville, Arkansas.

Sixty-seven thousand five hundred leaf-tobacco hogsheads sent from Bowling Green during five months past.

Eld. John James, of Columbia, while attending to some duties about his stable last Monday evening, was attacked and trampled down by a vicious horse, and sustained some severe bruises, but no serious injuries.

The Columbia Spectator says: "Miss Mary E. Cooper, daughter of T. J. Cooper, of Russell county, has been suffering intensely, for months past, with a frightfully diseased foot and limb, and so deeply seated had the disease become that Dr. Owens, of this place, was called to attend the sufferer, and he at once decided upon amputation, which he performed with his usual skill and celerity. The doctor has since visited his patient and informs us that her early recovery is looked for."

There is a law upon the statute book of Kentucky prohibiting the sale of any intoxicating liquor in the corporate limits, unless the purchaser has a written prescription from a physician. Nevertheless hardly a day passes that drunken men are not seen upon the streets. The Times says: "It is evident that liquor is sold somewhere in town. We have a better opinion of the proprietors of dram-shops than to think that they would give a man a prescription which will enable him to violate the spirit if not the letter of the law."

The Frankfort Yeoman says: "Three miles west of Frankfort, on the railroad, immediately on the south side of the track, there are several little critters in the ground through which vapor, or steam, has been rising ever since the late cold weather set in. Immediately over these holes in the ground, every morning the vapor is frozen on the bushes, and hangs in white icicles that make quite a display. The vapor steams up gently, but most when the weather is coldest. Is this a young geyser in our midst? Or is it the forerunner of the revival of some long extinct volcano?"

The Glasgow Times has the following: "Last Tuesday, a negro boy, named Wilson, was arraigned before Judge Thomas for disturbing religious worship at one of the African churches in Glasgow. The testimony in his case appears from the evidence that there are two doors to this church, and that the male worshipers had established a rule requiring the male portion of the audience to make their exit by one door and the females by the other. Friendship started out at the women's door, but was stopped by the ebony porter and was forced to take his leave by way of the other. This he refused to do, and threatened to make an incision in the body of the custodian of the door after hanging the evidence. The Judge decided that he had disturbed to the amount of ten dollars and costs.

SOUTHERN NEWS.

The agent of the Societe Internationale is in Savannah organizing a branch.

It is expected that Mrs. Abrahani Lincoln will visit Jacksonville the present winter.

The Holly Springs North Mississippian treats Grant's Presidential boom with scorn.

Dawson, Georgia, is wrestling with the whooping cough, and Rome is down with the measles.

Major W. S. Knox, for many years an editor of Selma, Alabama, died on the night of the 6th inst., at Carlowville, Dallas county.

The report of the Grand Master, made to the Grand Lodge of Alabama, lately in session at Montgomery, represents a flourishing condition of Masonry in the State.

Mr. Joseph Baya, a Jacksonville, Fla., merchant, the stamp of a gun-barrel to-day, and very soon thereafter was carried home in an unconscious state. He has since recovered.

Mr. C. Todd was killed in Montgomery, Ala., on Saturday, by a young mule. While attempting to trim the mane of the animal he was pawed to the ground, and so severely injured that he died in a few minutes.

A Jacksonville, Fla., pellet has astonished the natives by producing an egg six inches and a quarter in circumference and over seven inches in length. This challenges the world. The lay of the Last Minstrel wasn't equal to her's.

An Atlanta lover bought his rival off with twenty dollars, and is now happy in the possession of the object of his adoration. The man who received the money thinks he got nineteen dollars and seventy-five cents the best of the bargain.

An attempt was made on Saturday last to break out of the jail at Paris, Tenn., by the prisoners, but one of them gave the alarm and the escape prevented. The prisoners have been put in irons until needed repairs can be made in the prison building.

The Chattanooga Times says: "The recent action of our Board of Trade, and the assembling of the Kentucky Legislature, has aroused a feeling among our citizens unanimously as to the probable fate of the charter asked by the city of Cincinnati to construct a railroad through the State of Kentucky."

The Gainesville (Fla.) Era says: "There are a few of our citizens still absent. They may now return without fear of the late fatal fever. It has disappeared as silently and mysteriously as it came upon us. The several Boards we have had, no doubt, dispersed its contagion now that we have had a good freeze, and we have no reason to apprehend its appearance again."

A gentleman was in Atlanta, Ga., last Sunday, who amused some persons by declaring that Booth was not the person who was killed in the spring of '65, generally supposed to have been Booth. As a Confederate soldier making no such disclosure at the time, he certainly never let it be spoke, and that some day the people of this country will be astonished. His name was given, but went so far as to say he knew where Booth was at present. Unlike most stood about him and listened to what he said.

The Madison (Ga.) Appeal and Advertiser of the 8th says: "We are sorry to learn that Mr. Robert Harden, a young man from Atlanta, while hunting in Greene county, accidentally shot his arm so severely a few days ago that amputation will be necessary. Drs. Bell and Hollingsworth, of this city, and Dr. Wm. F. Harden, of Atlanta, have gone out to see him today. We will make a more full statement of when the amputation will most probably be performed."

The Farmville (Ga.) Commonwealth has been informed by a prominent farmer of Cumberland county that he has just received a letter from the great naturalist and philosopher, Horace Greeley, inquiring where he can buy fifteen or twenty bushels of Spanish peanuts, as he wishes to experiment in a small way in tobacco culture. It will make a big thing for him if he has recently purchased a tract of land in Buckingham county, and wonders if he intends to make that fact a tobacco experiment.

This is the description of a terrible infant, which is said to be in Fentress county, Tennessee: "The prodigy is only 3 years old, and weighs 75 pounds; is 5 feet 10 inches high; beard as a 30-year older; his feet are 8 inches long, though small for one of his build—of course, he is fond of the society of the girls, but the boys he detests. His voice is coarse and his fits of passion are terrific. He expects to marry next year and go to Congress the year after, with the Presidency in the near perspective."

The Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle and Sentinel of Sunday says: "The passenger train on the Georgia road reached Saw Dust yesterday afternoon, at white man deliberately discharged his shot-gun twice into the cars. Some of the shot struck the conductor in the wrist, and rushed briskly against the sides of the passenger coach. Fortunately, however, no serious injury was inflicted on any of the passengers, and the conductor was only slightly struck. But this was no fault of the desperado who fired the shots, as he evidently intended mischief."

William Butts, Esq., a well-known Virginia gentleman, died at his residence, near Hillsborough, on Friday morning, December 1, in the 85th year of his age. Mr. Butts was born in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. He was a Lieutenant in Capt. Bell Bennett's company, that marched from that place to Baltimore during the last war with England, and participated in the military operations in defense of that city. After the term of enlistment expired, he joined the artillery company of Capt. Rice Wilson, of Martinsburg, and went with that officer to Norfolk, where he assisted in the defense of Craney Island, against the British. For his gallant conduct, and soldierly bearing during the war, he was, at its close, designated as one of the volunteer officers to be retained in the regular service, but declined the position and honor, and settled in Hillsborough, where he had resided ever since. His fine qualities of head and heart endeared him to a wide circle of friends who, admirably sustain his death, in his intercourse whether as a friend and neighbor or in the business transactions of life, he was ever the same generous, amiable and noble man."

In the celebrated Tichborne case, now on trial in London, the money of both parties has been exhausted, and the lawyers for the defense and the plaintiff are now only fighting for honor. As the case looks now, the alleged impostor will turn out the true baronet, or, at least, be declared as such by the courts.

The newspapers in some portions of the State occasionally publish accounts of public whippings, this method of punishment being lawful under some old statute which ought to have been repealed long ago. It is high time that these brutish and disgraceful exhibitions should cease. That they have been permitted so long ought to be regretted by every intelligent citizen of Kentucky.

A Rio Janeiro letter to the New York Tribune shows that the embers of the old Paraguayan war are still alive. A fight has taken place between the allies and a band of disaffectants, probably a remnant of the army of LOPEZ, with most sanguinary results. The horrible details of the bloody contest just closed may be repeated, and if so, the next war must be a war of extermination to the one party or the other.

In answer to several inquiries we have to say that the COURIER-JOURNAL is an applicant for nothing within the gift of the Legislature nor interested in any of the candidates for office before that body. All we ask of the Legislature is an enlightened, upright and short, that is cheap, session. We are more than content with the patronage of the people at large, who pay us liberally for doing our duty and don't quarrel with us when we talk out in meeting.

At the last meeting of the Alumni of Yale College it was determined to raise an endowment fund of half a mifflion, to be called the Woolsey fund, in grateful appreciation of the long services of the late president. The movement has been a successful one, and it is now probable that the whole amount will be placed at the disposal of the trustees. Yale has never been a rich college, and the receipt of this large amount will do much to extend her sphere of usefulness.

The New York Tribune has been assured by the directors of the Western Union Telegraph Company that they will not sell their property, and protest against any intermeddling therewith by the Government. The receipts of the company are eight millions per annum, of which three millions is clear profit. Contrast this with the fact that the Government suffers an annual loss of five millions in its business of thirty millions in postage, and the exhibit is not very favorable, in even a financial point, for its assumption of the telegraphic system.

The temperance question has again been opened in New Hampshire by the nomination of a State ticket by the Prohibitionists. Dr. JOHN BLACKMER, long an enthusiast in the temperance cause, received the gubernatorial nomination, and, as a Radical, will probably draw off many votes from that party. Prohibition has never been a success in the Granite State, and when the law was seemingly most strictly enforced you would see as many drunken men on the streets of Dover or Portsmouth or Concord as in any three cities of equal size in the less moral West. The Prohibitionist party, however, generally shows a very fair front on election days.

Gov. DAVIS, of Texas, has a fair chance of coming to a deserved degree of grief. He is now before the House Committee of Elections, and the evidence goes to show that, in one case, he gave the certificate of election to the man who got the most votes, but whom the Governor did not believe lawfully elected; and in another, that he gave the required papers to the man who got the least votes, but whom he (the Governor) believed was legally chosen. This taking of the law into his own hands is an old story with this alien Governor, as witness his declaring martial law in Limestone county, and giving special provision of the existing State constitution, and with hardly an assumption of right or reason. He is a bad lot.

The Nilsson Italian Opera Company are still at the Academy, and no announcement has as yet been made of the last night in New York. It has been conjectured that Mr. STRAKOSCH will hardly take the company beyond the Alleghanies. He does not seem to have worn out the first tithe of his welcome in New York, and there is Boston and Philadelphia yet to visit. It may be that the season will not be long enough for a tour through the West. Mr. SOTHERN is playing the last week of his engagement at Niblo's, and we are to have him here in January. BOOTH is making great preparations for the production of Julius Cæsar, and, if it takes well, he will hardly leave New York before spring. We are to have Mr. JEFFERSON here sometime during the season.

The announcement by the Internationale Society of New York, that its interrupted parade will be consummated next Sunday, has placed the police authorities in a quandary. The prompt discharge of the arrested workmen has been a tacit recognition by the law of the illegality of their arrest and of their right to parade. Whether Superintendent KELSO, with Gov. HOFFMAN to back him, will prohibit or oppose the procession remains to be seen. We publish in our dispatches this morning the fact that Mayor HALL has declared for non-interference and has advised the Delegates of this fact. The statement is made in the New York papers that the parade was prohibited in the first instance at the request of the French Consul, acting under advices from the home government.

The Senatorial contest at Frankfort is attracting general attention throughout the country. BECK and HUMPHREY MARSHALL, who are perhaps more extensively known than others, receive the most elaborate attentions. The Springfield (Mass.) Republican, the leading Republican journal in New England, says:

The fight over the Kentucky Senatorship is becoming livelier from day today. GARRETT DAVIS wants to lag superfluous a few years longer, and really seems to stand a fair chance, among the multitude of applicants for the succession, of getting there. If he does, the Senate will be without him, we do not like to think. JOHNSON, ex-Rebel secretary, or LINDSAY, or SUTTLE, or NORVIN GREEN can fill his place. Mr. BECK would do a little better, and his transfer to the other end of the capitol would be a great relief to Gen. BUTLER, in whose side he has long been a very aggravating thorn. But if we must lose the good and eloquent GARRETT, the Kentuckian of all others most worthy to receive his failing mantle is HUMPHREY MARSHALL. We are glad to see that the friends of this great statesman are actively at work, and that the COURIER-JOURNAL—which used to gibe him so mercilessly in poor PRESTICE's time—indorses him as having "brains enough to make half-a-dozen ordinary Senators." Hurrah! Humphrey is the man by all means. Certainly no other candidate would add so much strength in the Democratic ranks. The Radical OLIVER, Mr. MORTON, of Indiana, would find in him a worthy ROLAND.

It will be remembered by our readers that in the month of August last a mob, with a slight sprinkle of KuKlux, took a man by the name of NEVILLE, charged with the murder of a lady in Metcalfe county, and hung him. At the present term of the court, after a lengthy and pointed charge from Judge ALEXANDER, the grand jury of Metcalfe county indicted such of the mob as could be identified by the witnesses, and now these violators of the law themselves stand charged with the crime of murder. This is a great triumph for law and order. Nothing has transpired in that portion of the State for many years that will do more to put down such lawlessness than this action of the grand jury. Too much praise can not be awarded to them for their noble firmness in this respect. We are glad to know, too, that their action is approved and applauded by the good men of the whole community. Much of this is due to the indefatigable efforts and unwavering firmness of the efficient Commonwealth's Attorney, A. M. ADAIR, Esq.

We have read with interest the life of JOHN J. CRITTENDEN by his daughter, MRS. COLEMAN, and we hail it as a most valuable acquisition to the library of every Kentucky gentleman. Great and good men constitute the priceless jewels of a State, and JOHN J. CRITTENDEN was emphatically one of these. Few men were so honored and beloved by Kentucky as Mr. CRITTENDEN, and his daughter is entitled to the thanks of the country for perpetuating with her affectionate pen the acts and ideas of his life. Every man who is at all acquainted with the politics and history of the State must read this work with the greatest interest. It will give him an inside view of our distinguished men here which he can get nowhere else. The book is full of letters from eminent men, and as we read them our acquaintance becomes more familiar with such as CLAY, WEBSTER, BUCHANAN, General SCOTT, President TAYLOR, RIVES, ARCHER, LETCHER, MOREHEAD, BLAIR, and a host of others too numerous to mention.

The total eclipse of the sun which was visible on the other side of the globe last Tuesday was amply provided for by the scientists. An expedition was sent from England with the co-operation of Government, under the direction of Mr. NORMAN LOCKYER, and most instructive results are expected from their observations. The particular direction of these observations will be to obtain details of the immense projections of flames, reaching out beyond the moon's shadow to a distance of fifty to a hundred thousand miles, and which occupied the attention of scientific men in our own eclipse of '68. The question often occurs as to what good all this tends. The question has been often asked before as to scientific investigations, and has as often been answered by practical results. It is said that, in this instance, an exact knowledge of the nature of these projections will enable scientists to predict the changing seasons on the earth, and in different parts of the earth, from year to year, so as to enable nations and communities to provide for seasons of plenty and seasons of drought and famine. It is to be hoped, then, that the result of these observations may be satisfactory.

The Bar Meeting.

Louisville is honored to-day by the presence of as able and influential a body of citizens as were ever gathered in the State. The Kentucky bar may not at this moment present so many distinguished names as it has done in former times, when every successful lawyer was a successful politician, but it may be doubted whether at any previous date it embraced more solid power and learning.

The day of legal fire-works has passed away. Brilliant oratory is no longer the element it used to be. Law has crystallized into a dry, abstruse science, in the development of which higher gifts than those of speech are tasked to their uttermost. The great lawyer is not now the showy advocate, but the logician, the thinker, the man of business.

Hence it is that so few "young men," that is, men under the age of thirty, have made any considerable headway. The very period of young manhood has been advanced so as to include all who are under the age of forty or forty-five. Years of labor, maturity in study and knowledge of the world are required to fit a lawyer for the huge realities of his profession. The most eminent advocate at the American bar is an old man and a learned man, who was unknown outside of Pennsylvania twelve or fifteen years ago. Ten years back, HENRY STANBURY, who is certainly recognized as a model lawyer all over the country, was scarcely heard of except in Ohio.

Law and politics, too, have grown less and less intimate. Formerly they were as man and wife. They now pursue different paths, are separate and independent, recognized by the public as distinct professions. For more than a hundred years there has been a tradition in the House of Commons that it is impossible to make a legislator out of a lawyer. We all remember BURK's rebuke of ERSKINE. In our own country, likewise, it begins to be seen that a statesman has no time to be a lawyer nor a lawyer any time to be a statesman. Usefulness and success require the abandonment of the one or other calling. Undoubtedly a certain knowledge of law, and close application to the principles which underlie the law, are essential to the education of the aspiring public man. But this is all. Governmental affairs have become so complicated that they demand an undivided attention, and the old practice of going to Congress in the winter and following the circuit in the vacation will not answer the wants of the people or serve the ambition of the politician.

Hence, of the lawyers about to assemble in Louisville, there is a less proportion of politicians than might have been found in a similar gathering ten or a dozen years ago. The purpose of the meeting is strictly legal. The need of certain law reforms has been felt throughout Kentucky ever since the resumption of civil business, and the convention will address itself to these strictly, and with a full mind. That it will produce good fruit, we have nodoubt. That its discussions will be enlightened, is equally sure. We have made arrangements, therefore, to report its proceedings *verbatim*, having secured a skillful and adequate corps of short-hand reporters. Socially, the occasion is an event. Our citizens feel themselves highly honored by the presence of so much intellect and personal worth, and extend the convention, as a body, and its several members, a hearty welcome. We only wish they came oftener and remained longer with us.

"Wait for the Wagon."

The proceedings of Congress confirm the admonitions of patience which the more discreet of Democratic journals have sought to impress upon the rank and file of the party. There may be something in Mr. SCHURZ's declaration that we are at the threshold of a great moral uprising. It may be, indeed, that the American people will demand, and in terms which can not be disputed, an honest administration of their Government. There are precedents which go to show that even a super ation than that enjoyed by General GRANT can, in a few brief months, be blown to atoms; and, seeing the drift of the wind, there is every reason for Democrats to "lie low and keep dark." For the present that much is the wisdom of caution.

The Democratic organization occupies a peculiar, and in many respects an anomalous, position before the country. It is in a minority in point of placement by States, and yet the transfer of a few thousand votes would place it in a majority. As matters are it *appears* to lack the element of success. But it is too strong to disband; and, if it should do so, there is no assurance where its fragments would fall. There are men, and honest men too, who declare unreservedly that they actually *prefer* GRANT to TRUMBULL or CHASE or SUMNER. We may question the sense and taste of these; we may hold them childish and factious. But what can we do? They form a part of the Democratic body politic, which coheres in spite of failure, and can not be safely scattered or counted out.

The defeat of General GRANT is most desirable. But needful as we think it, we should not like to purchase it at the cost of accepting the platform generally sketched by Mr. SUMNER or even Mr. TRUMBULL. Admitting that such a platform would contain many excellent features, it would still embody some ideas that are in every way repulsive to us. Nothing short of complete oblivion as to the war of the sections and the absolute restoration of home rule as distinctly laid down in the Constitution, its amendments included, and its general text and spirit construed by the events of the last ten years, as to preclude secession or nullification by separate States, will satisfy the people of the South. We demand, moreover, as the condition indispensable to any and all concert of action on our part, the full recognition of our equality. We can not abase ourselves. We decline so much as a discussion with any element which sets out on the premise that we were rebels, who are forgiven because we have repented. The very term must be blotted out of the current political vocabulary. That done, we are ready to meet and confer in the most liberal and tolerant spirit; to go as far as the farthest in the direction of perfect union and peace. Otherwise, let the worst come. Otherwise, let the work of revolution and corruption go on. If the people of the North can stand it, we can. We desire reforms; we long for peace; we are eager to advance with modern aims and ideas. But we will not purchase anything short of that reciprocal forgiveness which leaves us free of the ascription of treason. There must be a new compact of the sections in which the North redeems its plighted word and the South accepts the conditions of the war, having already more than paid its monwealth of Kentucky as long as he continues a citizen thereof."

The State constitution prescribes the qualification of voters, and limits that franchise to "free white male citizens." The Federal Constitution has abolished that limitation and admits all "without regard to color."

Which is to be obeyed?

Every Judge of this State is required to take the same oath. The State constitution forbids emancipation in the State, and makes it a felony for a free negro who has once left the State to return. A case comes before such Judge in which a free negro is indicted under the law made in pursuance of this provision of the State constitution. The Federal Constitution forbids the enforcement of such a law, and yet the Judge has sworn to be faithful to Kentucky and to its constitution. Which instrument is he to obey?

Other inconsistencies might be named, but for want of space we shall content ourselves with the celebrated Dixon clause in the bill of rights, which is in these words:

"SEC. 3. The right of property is before and higher than any constitutional sanction; and the right of the owner of a slave to such slave and its increase is the same, and as inviolable as the right of the owner of any property whatever."

Here is a principle distinctly enunciated in our present constitution, as distinctly so as the right to *habeas corpus*, freedom of conscience, or freedom of the press. How does such a principle sound in the ears of intelligent people, in view of the changes of the last six years? Why, simply absurd. And if you were to ask any State officer, from the Governor down to a constable, when he takes the oath of office—and they all take the same—if he intended to swear to maintain this declaration, so placed among our most sacred rights, he would laugh at you.

There are other provisions in the State constitution which, in view of the changes that have occurred, are equally absurd, and should be obliterated from the fundamental law of the State. To allow them to remain will be to render us ridiculous in the estimate of intelligent men. And we can only get clear of them by a convention.

A convention will enable us to secure the reforms which the legal profession now seeks, and will make them permanent and beyond the caprice of annual Legislatures; and it will also result in many other reforms now so much demanded throughout the State. We, therefore, again suggest the propriety of a resolution calling upon the Legislature to take steps toward the assembling of a convention.

The Office of City Engineer.

There is a common and increasing interest as to the action of the City Council in the selection of a City Engineer to succeed the highly competent and worthy incumbent, General ST. JOHN. Ordinarily persons who fill such important positions do not seek them by becoming candidates and canvassing among those who cast the vote. They are, for the most part, men who have devoted much time and thought, not only in procuring educations pertaining exclusively to that branch of science, but many hours of their more matured manhood to the application of the knowledge thus attained. Engineering is eminently a science, and needs to be understood and worked as such. Nor is it either wrong or unfortunate that it is so. The great works of the world—the railroads, the ships and boats, the mines and factories, the bridges and all highways, the metes and bounds and levels and elevations of towns and cities, as well as the drainage, and the very health of such towns and cities, all look to the Engineer, and emanate from him. Imperfect knowledge, quackery, in this business will not pay. And in this light we regard it as a matter of the gravest importance. Our Council should pass, and from the knowledge we have of the men composing the City Council we feel assured will not, act hastily in this matter. There need be no hurry. Nothing can be lost by delay, if such delay be necessary to procure the proper person.

Great cities should be managed, we think, in this regard, with the same care, the same caution, the same circumspection, that an individual would manage such business for himself, or the directors of a bank or railroad would manage for their stockholders. Each member of the Council is a stockholder in this city, as well as a man, woman and child; each and all have a personal interest. For not only the business and outer beauty of the city, but the comfort and health of all, are involved in this question.

There is another point to be considered. When Gen. GUSTAVUS W. SMITH was solicited to accept the position several years since, he refused to do so for a less compensation than $10,000 a year. The reason assigned by Gen. SMITH for rating his services at such very high figures was that he had been employed in New York city by the street commissioners, and his experience there had satisfied him that it was worth to Louisville or any other city of the same size more than four times that sum per annum to have *an honest and incorruptible man* as City Engineer.

Gen. SMITH's argument was not understood or appreciated at that time, but since the exposure of the frauds and rascalities of SWEENEY, TWEED & Co., to which and other swindling jobs he doubtless had reference, the whole idea is as clear as sunshine.

We can now see how a set of men like TWEED and his associates could easily afford to pay fifty thousand dollars a year to obtain control over our City Engineer, and yet make money by having a corrupt tool in their service.

Take it all in all, we have come to the conclusion that Gen. SMITH was right as to the value of an honest man to fill the office of City Engineer.

A Pretty Speculation.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company offers to buy all the stock in the Louisville, Cincinnati and Lexington Railroad Company that may be offered on or before the 27th day of December, instant, at sixty-five cents on the dollar, payable six, nine and twelve months from the 27th December, with interest from date, at six per cent. per annum.

Bankers and capitalists are quietly buying all the stock they can get, at sixty cents on the dollar, cash, in order to secure the notes of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company, on the terms offered. These notes, at six, nine and twelve months date, will average, or equal, one payment at nine months. Taking this average payment and calculating the interest on $65, it will be seen what a nice speculation is afforded on an investment of $60, which is all that is paid in cash, by our speculators, on each $100 worth of stock.

The investment will pay as follows:

Note of C. & O. R. R. Co. for.....	$65 00
Interest thereon, averaged at 9 mos.....	2 92½
Total received from company.....	$67 92½

which, for an investment of $60, is equal to $1 46¼ per cent. per month for the nine months, being at the rate of nearly eighteen per cent. per annum.

This is a pretty deep shave on the gilt-edged obligations of a wealthy and powerful corporation, like the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company.

☞ The Washington Republican says: "President GRANT ought to have given GEORGE WILKES that office which he wanted some months ago." If, some months ago, the Republican had told GEORGE WILKES just what he ought to give President GRANT, it would have been saved the trouble of now telling what President GRANT ought to have given GEORGE WILKES.

☞ Alluding to Mrs. CHARLES MOULTON, the Mobile Register says: "The private judgments of many who have heard her sustains the favorable criticisms of the press." It is all very well for the Register to speak highly of Mrs. MOULTON, but there is no reason why she should be praised at the expense of Prof. NOBLE BUTLER.

☞ Mr. J. C. DEFORCE has been arrested in Alabama. He represented himself as a Chicago DEFORCE.

CITY ITEMS.

Newman's Glycerined Camphor Ice, for sore and chapped hands, face and lips, and roughness of the skin, &c. Druggist, Fifth and Walnut.

☞ Salt-rheum cured by using JOHNSTON TAR SOAP, made by Caswell, Hazard & Co., New York.

☞ One of our prominent Main-street merchants, who has been suffering with a disease of the kidneys and bladder for years, and who constantly acquired the use of a diuretic, says that after trying all other preparations in the market, he has found nothing which gives him so much relief as Wintersmith's admirable combination of Buchu—Pareira Brava, Cubeba and Juniper Berries. This great diuretic is a perfect alterative, and is a certain cure for all diseases of the urinary organs, whether existing in male or female.

The Testimony of Sandek & Jones, one of the most reliable and experienced firms of Druggists and Pharmaceutists in the City.

LOUISVILLE, March 1, 1871.

DR. C. H. WITTERSMITH:

DEAR SIR—It is with pleasure that we add our testimony to the increasing popularity of demand for your remedies. We can confidently say that of all the "proprietary medicines" that we have to sell (not excepting the largest-advertised Buchu) there are none that sell as rapidly and give as general satisfaction. In short we have to hear of one complaint as regards their efficiency. We are satisfied that our opportunities for observing the results of the use of your preparations have been of the most varied and general character, and hence we do not feel the least hesitancy in adding our testing to the almost endless list that you have received.

Respectfully,

SANDEK & JONES, Apothecaries,
Second and Green and First and Jefferson.
Price—$1 per bottle, six bottles for $5.

LOCAL NOTICES.

MAGILL BROS.

Berlin Bronze Goods; Vienna Wooden Goods, and Russia Leather Goods are just the kinds of goods suitable for Christmas presents. de15 d2

Library Tickets at a Discount!

Tripp & Linton, 118 Main street, will sell tickets to-day at *par*. On Monday they have a few they will sell at a discount.

☞ **White and hand French China and the new ware resembling white French China in complete assortment at MAGILL BROS.',**

de15 d2 No. 161 Fourth street.

☞ Upper Blue Lick Water is celebrated as a general preservative of the tone of the stomach and purity of the blood, and as a powerful preventive of fevers and bilious complaints. Supplied as it is now, in the city, the water is equal to that drank at the spring, and should be used in every family. For sale at the drug stores and saloons. R. A. ROBINSON & CO.,

de14 d6 Wholesale Agents.

☞ **Twenty-five patterns French and English Toilet Sets received yesterday at MAGILL BROS.',**

de15 d2 **161 Fourth street.**

☞ Newman's Syrup Hoarhound and Elecampane is an effectual and harmless remedy for Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness, &c.—at the Family Drug Store, Fifth and Walnut, de13 d3t

☞ **Three hundred Toy Tea Sets; 100 Toy Dinner Sets, and seventy-five Toy Toilet Sets just received at MAGILL BROS'.**

de15 d2

Wintersmith's Iodized Sarsaparilla and Stillingia.

We are glad to learn that Wintersmith's Iodized Sarsaparilla and Stillingia, owing to its extraordinary success in connection with the season, it so eminently deserves. As a general alterative and blood-purifier it has no equal. It can be obtained at the drug-stores. nov26 d6t

☞ Newman's Chlorate Potash Lozenges—Fifth and Walnut. de13 d3t

Marriage Guide.

Interesting work, numerous engravings, 200 pages. Price 50 cents. Address Dr. Butts' Dispensary, 12 North Eighth street, St. Louis, Mo. See advertisement.

Wintersmith's Tonic Syrup or Improved Chill Cure.

Breaking the chill is not curing the disease. The cause must be removed. Wintersmith's Tonic Sirup is the only known remedy that makes a permanent cure, effectually removing the cause of the disease.

Burnett's Kalliston is the best cosmetic.

☞ Newman's Bronchial Tablets—Fifth and Walnut. de13 d3t

MARRIED.

BAIRD—JAMES—At Centenary M. E. Church, New Albany, Ind., December 14, by Rev. H. R. Naylor, Will. LEAR T. BAIRD to JENNIE M. JAMES.

OGLE—GREEBSON—December 13, in the Chestnut-street Methodist Church, by Rev. B. M. Messick, Mr. JOHN OGLE and Miss JENNETTE T. GREEBSON.

BARTLETT—BOGGESS—At Shepherdsville, Ky., Dec. 11, 1871, by Rev. G. H. Hayes, the reverend Judge Phelps, of BARDSTOWN, Ky., to Miss EMMOLA ROGERS, daughter of Dr. BOGGESS, of Louisville, Ky.

FAXON—FINLEY—At St. Mary's Church, Memphis, Tenn., by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Quincy, Dec. 13, 1871, GEO. B. FAXON, of Clarksville, Tenn., to Miss SIDNEY L. FINLEY, of Memphis.

"Two souls with but a single thought,
Two hearts that beat as one."

DIED.

MYER—December 12, 1871, in Jeffersonville, Ind., at 45 minutes ago, Mrs. CATHARINE MYER, widow of the late Major Philip Myer, an old and much respected citizen of Louisville.

BALDWIN—In Trenton, Tenn., Dec. 12, at 7:30 P. M., after a short illness, JAMES W. BALDWIN, second son of Jabez and Frances Baldwin.

Due notice will be given of his funeral.

CHRISTMAS! ATTENTION!

Great Clearance Sale.

Until Christmas we shall sell the following Goods, **Regardless of Cost:**

Ladies' Woolen and Fleeced Cotton Hose; Children's Woolen and Fleeced Cotton Hose; Men's Woolen and Fleeced Cotton Hose; all kinds of Undershirts & Drawers; all kinds of Winter Gloves; Ladies' Woolen Knit Jackets, Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs, all kinds of BLANK BOOKS & Stocking Factory, 148 Market, above Fifth.

Silk Hats.

NO. Louisville, $5; Extra quality, $6; Super quality, $7.

S. B. PRATHER & CO.,
Corner Fifth and Jefferson.
de13 d3t

MEETINGS.

Notice to Tobacco Manufacturers.

THE manufacturers of Plug Tobacco of this vicinity are hereby invited to meet and confer with the Hon. JAMES GUTHRIE, at the Galt House, Louisville, this evening, 16th inst., at 12 o'clock M. It is desired that every one personally interested in manufacturing plug tobacco shall be present.

A. B. DEAN,
EDWIN SHALLCROSS,
MUSSELMAN & CO.,
JOHN P. NORTON & SONS,
J. S. WILLETT & CO.

Masonic Notice.

Clarke Lodge, No. 430, F. & A. M., is called for this (Friday) evening, Dec. 15, 1871, at 7½ o'clock, for work in the 1st and 2d degrees.

By order of the W. M.

J. WOODRUFF, Sec.

Masonic Notice.

Louisville Lodge, No. 450, F. & A. M., will hold a special communication at Masonic Temple, this (Friday) evening, Dec. 15, at 7 o'clock.

J. M. S. MCCORKLE, Secretary.

Masonic Notice.

There will be a called meeting of Compass Lodge, No. 78, F. & A. M., this (Friday) evening, at 7 o'clock, for work in the 2d degree.

By order of the W. M.

C. H. BITTLE, Sec'y.

FIRM CHANGES.

Notice of Dissolution.

THE firm of Schultheis & Co. is this day dissolved by agreement. Mr. A. Gazley has sold out to Chas. Schultheis his interest in the firm. The business will be conducted by members of the firm as authorized to liquidate the affairs of the firm.

A. M. GAZLEY.
CHARLES SCHULTHEISS.

December 14, 1871. de15 d3

DOMESTICS, &c.

SPECIAL NOTICE

—TO—

City & Country Merchants

Great Inducements in Domestics, Staple Dry Goods, Piece Goods, Notions, and Gents' Furnishing Goods.

IN consequence of the approaching dissolution of our firm, and desiring to close out our immense stock of the above goods, we are offering great inducements in prices and terms until January 1st, and invite the attention of all dealers, soliciting a early call, we can assure you that we will make it to your interest to purchase of us before you go our business. Respectfully,

S. ULLMAN & CO.,
de15 cod5 201 Main st., bet. Fifth and Sixth.

CINCINNATI ADVERTISEMENT.

BY JOHN CAMILL & CO.

Trustee's Sale of an Old Established Drug Store at Auction, at the Northeast Corner of Central Avenue and Eighth Street.

ON Monday, December 18th, at 9 o'clock, we will sell the entire stock of drugs, medicines, chemicals, perfumery, fancy and toilet articles, showcases, store fixtures, counters, desks, stoves, &c., as, with porcelain-lined fountains, fire-proof safes, platform and counter scales, desks, stoves, &c.

This is an old-established store, in a good location, with a first-class trade, and has been one of the most successful in the city. The room is large, and admirably fitted for the business. The premises also are extensive, extending over a period of twenty-four years.

This is an opportunity for any one desiring to engage in business seldom to be met with. The store can be leased for a term of years.

We will offer the whole establishment in one lot. If not sold, will then proceed to sell in detail, and continue until all is sold.

Terms of Sale—If sold entire, one-half cash; balance in two equal payments at six and nine months.

An Inventory of stock can be seen and stock examined until day of sale. de13 d3

CORPORATION NOTICES.

Notice.

THE stockholders of the Paroquet Springs Co. are earnestly requested to meet at the office of J. C. Johnston, on the northeast corner of Fourth and Jefferson streets, Friday, the 15th of this month, at 11 o'clock. de14 d2 E. A. JOHNSON, Pres't.

Notice.

THE 4th call of 20 per cent. of the stock subscribed in the Falls City Hall and Market Company was this day made by the Board of Directors, payable on the 15th day of December, 1871, to the Treasurer (John Frazmann) of the Company.

GEORGE HATTERMAN, Pres't.
C. P. ATHERST, Sec'y.
Nov. 30, 1871. de13 d5

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Shocks to the System.

The first shock of winter tells tremendously upon enfeebled systems. Every one knows that in passing from a warm region to a cold one, or vice versa, the body requires, as a protection against epidemics, an acclimating medicine. All travelers and voyagers admit this. It is equally necessary to acclimate the system in passing the confines of one season and entering upon another. Autumn is gone and winter is here. Prepare the frame and the constitution to meet the change by a course of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. This harmonic vegetable tonic increases the stamina and strength of those who take it, and renders them proof to a great extent against the devitalizing power of cold and damp. These two agents are as prolific of disease as tropical heat, and animal vigor—such vigor as this healthful and pure tonic diffuses through the whole organization—is a repellant which they cannot resist. A large proportion of the colds, catarrhs, and pulmonary complaints which prevail in winter might be avoided by strengthening and regulating the system in advance with this invigorant and alterative. Not that it is recommended as a specific for those complaints, but as a preventive of their causes. Op the other hand, it is not only a preventive of but a specific for dyspepsia, biliousness, intestinal irregularities, malarious fevers, bilious attacks, and nervous affections, superinduced by a ch

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FRIDAY MORNING, DEC. 15, 1871.

SMALL TALK.

TEN-CENT lectures are popular in Iowa.

THE snobs and English actors are in arms for the Prince's reputation.

A LADY circus-rider in England shows her agility by bounding twenty-five feet into the air.

THE Indianapolis doctors pride themselves on their punctuality as regards vaccination matinees.

AN esthetic Connecticut lady has sent Alexis a picture-frame manufactured from toenails.

ALEXIS had a severe face-ache in Boston, and the boot-lickers of the Republic were temporarily shut off.

SOME miserable wretch has written an original poem about Busch, who gave Nilsson's tipsy cook a variation at sight.

THE complete news editor on the Indianapolis Journal does not receive a salary sufficient to justify him in crediting his able selections.

THE members of the Cincinnati City Council are sworn to inviolable secrecy as to all that transpires during the sessions of that body. They have given the city printing to the Enquirer.

MR. EDWARDS PIERREPONT is one of the most unfortunate of distinguished men. His name is being constantly telegraphed, and it invariably comes out in the shape of either Edward Pierrepont or Edward S. Pierrepont.

THEY are still "crowded" in Chicago. The Times says: "But little difficulty was experienced in finding Carl Rosa a place to sleep at the Sherman House, on last evening. What on earth would they have done if his little wife had been with him?"

PENNIES are being introduced in San Francisco by the establishment of the Evening Post, a penny paper, which announces that "change will be given by the newsboys." A city without pennies invariably loses trade, and San Francisco will soon begin to see the benefits of the penny innovation, if not of the Evening Post.

A NEW and attractive fare box has been placed in an Indianapolis street car. The Evening Journal says: "It is a fine piece of workmanship, and so attractive in appearance that the passenger has hard work to keep from repeating several times the operation of dropping in his nickel, just to see how nicely the machine works."

A FAR-WESTER: "At a recent sale at law in Central City, Col., between two Chinamen, Ah How and Ten Son Tankee, the parties insisted upon being sworn according to the Chinese custom, by bringing a chicken into court and cutting off its head. The judge assented, but would not furnish the chicken, and the suit fell through."

DISCLOSURE by the New York Tribune: "The proprietor of a looking-glass establishment in Broadway, says that daily observation has shown him that on an average more men than women look at themselves in the mirrors outside as they pass along the street. He thinks the proportion of men to women who admire their reflected images is about 10 to 8."

ONE of the ablest and most eloquent arguments to which it has been the fortune of the Court of Common Pleas to listen, was that of Giles Babcock for the defense in the case of Macomber, charged with the murder of the colored man Lee. Its concluding sentence was: "If you were in tears, to that extent that it was unsafe to venture upon the court-room floor without rubbers."—Norwich Bulletin.

PAT. DONAN, the talented editor of the Weekly Canard, is described in the Indianapolis Evening Journal: "We know Col. Doman well. He is five feet four inches high, weighs ninety-pounds when in average health, and has a thin, squeaking voice like that of a bantam rooster. His head is covered with a thin fringe of solferino hair, cut short, and standing stiff and straight like a *chevaux de frize* of spikes. He has one gray eye and one black one; his right arm is six inches longer than his left one, and he is afflicted with chronic and incurable ring-worm. His left external ear is entirely missing, having been frozen off while the Colonel was gathering persimmons for the manufacture of the only beverage he drinks. Personally he is the neatest of men, and it is only when he gets the pen in hand that he allows his angry passions to rise."

FRANKFORT LETTER.

Affairs in the Kentucky Legislature —The Cincinnati Bill in the House of Representatives—Sharp Skirmishing—Senate Proceedings.

[Special Correspondence of the Courier-Journal.]

CAPITAL HOTEL, FRANKFORT, KY., December 14th, 1871.

The Senate proceedings to-day were of the usual character. Bills were reported and acted upon, resolutions submitted, and, in short, the Senatorial mind was wholly unruffled in its attention to the business of legislation. It was not so in the House of Representatives.

THE CINCINNATI SOUTHERN RAILWAY BILL.

Very soon after the House was called to order, that disturbing question which for two sessions has consumed so much of the time of Kentucky Legislatures, was introduced. Capt. Blackburn, the member from Woodford, as chairman of the Railroad Committee, reported the Chrisman bill, accompanying his report with the remark that no other course than to lay the matter again before the House seemed left him, in view of what had transpired at the meetings of the committee it was very evident that no report could be agreed on. He added that this was not the original bill, but the one reported last winter by Hon. George R. McKee.

A LIVELY DISCUSSION AND SHARP SKIRMISHING.

Mr. J. Guthrie Coke, at the conclusion of Mr. Blackburn's remarks, expressed his surprise at the course which had been taken by the Chairman of the Railroad Committee. There was no report of the bill and no definite action taken. At the first nothing was done; at the second an ineffectual effort had been made to compel a report, and a motion to allow time for discussion submitted; and at the third, which was yesterday, the chairman intimated a purpose to report, and a postponement prepared by a member was not acted upon. He thought the committee ought to have time for examining into the provisions of the bill, and for deliberation and discussion, and therefore moved the recommittal of the measure.

Mr. Blackburn said the gentleman from Louisville, at the first of the committee's meetings, had read the bill section by section, and denied that any amendment had been offered and not entertained. The members of the committee, after the first meeting, has been notified that no unnecessary time would be allowed. Mr. Coke, he said was also at the second meeting, and took part in it, and, as for the plea of ignorance regarding the provisions of the bill, it could not be supposed that a gentleman of his intelligence was unacquainted with its features. More than one member of the committee had notified him that in no state of case could his opinion be changed, and under the circumstances he could not doubt the propriety of again placing the bill in the hands of the House. It was his belief, Mr. Blackburn added, that the policy of the opponents of the measure was to smother it so that action can not be had by the Legislature during the present session.

Mr. Coke replied that the bill had been once read in committee, but that reading had been solely to compare, and not at all with a view of considering any of its provisions. The members of the committee who were not prepared to recommend the passage of the bill desired time to consult upon his position as it. They were neither disposed to choke discussion nor force it down the throats of members. It was impossible, Mr. Coke contended, to consider a printed bill of ten pages intelligently in so short a time. It was due the people of the Commonwealth that a measure of such importance should be carefully and properly deliberated upon before final action was forced. As for the charge that there was a disposition to lock the matter up, he had only to say that the facts were such as to justify him in the conclusion that the advocates of the bill propose to force it on the Legislature with indecent haste.

Mr. Bush took position against the motion to recommit.

Mr. Wright argued for recommittal, at the conclusion of whose remarks the motion was submitted to the vote of the House, and lost —yeas, 30; nays, 69.

Mr. Bush moved that the report be made a special order for to-morrow at 10½ A. M.

Mr. McElroy proposed its postponement to January 24th, and a discussion thereupon ensued, in which a number of gentlemen participated, arguing for and against postponement. The motion was voted down—yeas 25, nays 57.

Mr. E. P. Johnson moved postponement to January 12. Messrs. Johnson, Wright, Hoskins, Rowlett, Coke, Blackburn and Bush debated the question, the charge being made in the course of debate, by the friends of the Cincinnati scheme, that the opposition was purely sectional, and the Louisville members on the other hand, declaring that they were uninstructed and that the question had no even so much as entered into the canvass when they were candidates. In reply to an attack upon Louisville's imputed selfishness Louisville's conduct with regard to railroad interests affecting other parts of the State was triumphantly pointed to, and it was declared that the Louisville delegation stood pledged to support every legitimate railroad charter. The resolution to postpone to January 12 was voted down—yeas 44, nays 49. At this point the announcement of the hour for the orders of the day by the Speaker cut off further discussion.

THE RADICAL MEMBERS A UNIT FOR CINCINNATI.

The Radical members of the Legislature will, I believe, without exception, vote for this measure—to give the Ohio "trustees" power over the soil of Kentucky. This was to be expected, and if there have been exceptions heretofore, it was because the party had not yet taken formal position for what was so obviously in accordance with the policy that seeks to make everything Southern subservient to Northern domination. It may be relied on now, therefore, that the Radical strength in the Legislature will be cast solidly for the Cincinnati trustees and their ambitious project. This support, unaided, would cut no respectable figure, but every means has been employed, not only since the beginning of the current session but during the past year; to persuade and cajole Democratic members into the support of the bill. How far the labor has succeeded can only be developed by the actual vote.

A STUPENDOUS HUMBUG.

Cincinnati relies upon securing the support of the members of the Legislature in the varying and latitudinous projected route on the hypothesis that the construction of the road by their doors, at her cost, will have the effect of stifling State pride and all such feelings; but it is difficult to conceive how such should possibly be the case in any instance where the provisions of the Chrisman bill are consulted. Five million dollars would not be half enough to build the projected road to Chattanooga, but it is all a humbug about Cincinnati giving ten millions. All she proposes to do, as the first and tenth sections show, is "to borrow a fund not to exceed ten millions of dollars, and to issue bonds therefor," which bonds are "to be secured by a mortgage on the said line of railway and its appendages," the holders of the money on the bonds being "entitled to hold, by way of mortgage, without any conveyance, the said line of railway and its appendages, and the net income thereof, and all the estate, right, title and interest" on the same. It will thus be seen that Cincinnati does not at all propose to give that much-boasted ten millions, which would be altogether inadequate, but that every inch of the proposed road would be from the first mortgaged for every dollar used towards its construction. Never were people more out of it than those who pretend that in rejecting the Southern trustees the Legislature of Kentucky would be refusing to accept a proffer on the part of Cincinnati to build a road at her own expense from the northern to the south ern boundary of our State. The truth is, Cincinnati does want a Southern connection, but she is not willing to expend a dollar of the proceeds of sales of vacant land, paid into the State Treasury, when the road shall have been paid into the county treasury.

Mr. Collins reports of Justice—A bill to provide for recording the opinion of the Court of Appeals. Passed.

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Same—A bill for the benefit of the clerks of civil and criminal courts of the Court of Appeals. Rejected.

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THURSDAY, Dec. 14, 1871.—The House was called to order at 10 o'clock and hour by the Speaker (Mr. McCreary), and opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Keating, of the Catholic church.

The reading of the journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

PETITIONS.

Mr. Todd moved to grim and refer to select committee the response of the Auditor in relation to a resolution offered by him. Adopted.

The Select Committee is composed of Messrs. Todd, Cooper, Cole, Arnold and Woolfolk.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

Mr. Blackburn—Railroads—To amend an act, entitled "An act to amend the Louisville, Harrod's Creek and Westport Railway Company."

Mr. McChesney—I moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed indefinitely Rejected.

The bill was then passed.

Same—A bill to amend the charter of the New Providence and Princeton Railroad Company. Passed.

Same—A bill to authorize the trustees of the Cincinnati Southern railway to acquire the right of way, and to extend a line of railway through certain counties in this Commonwealth.

Mr. Coke moved to recommit the bill to the Committee on Railroads.

Those who voted in the affirmative were—Messrs. Anderson, Bell, Brooks, Carpenter, Carter, Coke, Cooper, Ferguson, Fitzpatrick, Griffith, Jones, E. Polk Johnson, Thomas M. Johnson, McElroy, Moorman, Nall, Pearce, Richardson, Sackrider, J. R. Smith, Samuel Smith, Southgate, Thomas, Waide, Wall, Wilson, Woodford and Yeiser—30.

Those who voted in the negative were—Messrs. Speaker (McCreary), and Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Ayres, Bell, Bowles, Bronston, John A. Bell, Blackburn, Bond, Bush, Cardwell, Carlisle, Chrisman, Clay, Jr., Combs, Conrad, Cook, Cornelius, Cowan, Davidson, Deaderick, Walter Evans, W. H. Evans, Flat, Pilgrim, Foote, Force, Gaulbert, Goodloe, Graves, Gray, Hampton, Hoskins, Jones, Lawson, Little, McAfee, McCampbell, McClure, McCreary, Moffett, Moynan, Nisban, Ogilvie, Phelps, Powell, Reeves, Rowan, Rowlett, Sharp, Sheppard, Speed, Stoddard, Todd, Tucker, Vanzos, Walker, Webb, White, Jonas D. Wilson, and Woodcock—57.

Mr. Bush moved that it be made the special order for to-morrow morning, at 10½ o'clock.

Mr. E. P. Johnson moved to print and amend by inserting the 13th of January.

Mr. Webb's motion was to substitute to print and postpone until the 9th of January.

Mr. Webb's motion was rejected—yeas, 35; nays, 62.

Mr. E. P. Johnson's motion was also rejected —yeas, 44; nays, 49.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Senate resolution in regard to officers of the General Assembly drawing their pay, &c.

Mr. Graves moved the previous question. Upon motion of Mr. Wade the resolution and amendment were referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

The orders of the day were suspended.

Mr. Chrisman—A bill to charter the Southern railroad bill be printed and made the special order for January 9th, at 11 o'clock. Adopted.

Mr. Ogilvie entered a motion to reconsider the motion postponing until the 9th of January the reconsideration of an act to further the tobacco trade.

Mr. Graves—Ways and Means—Resolution authorizing the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to sell to the Farmers' Bank of Louisville, Frankfort and Lexington, and the Louisville and Nashville Railroad. With an amendment. Passed—yeas, 59; nays, 21.

Mr. Cooper—Special Committee on Rules—Reported the following, which was adopted, viz.:

First—That rule No. 4, be so amended as to read—Twenty-nine standing committees shall be appointed by the Speaker, viz.:

In addition to the four already named in the printed rules, the following:

27. A Committee on Railroads to consist of eight members.

28. A Committee on Immigration and Labor.

29. A Committee on Agriculture.

30. A Committee on Corporate Institutions.

31. A Committee on Public Buildings, to consist of seven members each.

Second—That rule 61, shall be so altered as to read—

The standing order of adjournment shall be to 10 o'clock.

Third—That the following additional rules be adopted, and shall be numbered as numbered:

64. The call of the counties for leaves and motions shall be made on each Wednesday and Saturday.

65. It shall not be in order to entertain any bill for the incorporation of any company, or in relation to any local or private matter, in cases where the same is not required to be authorized or provided for by general laws.

66. In all questions not herein provided for, this House shall be governed by the parliamentary usage.

Fourth—That the eighth rule be repealed, and the following be substituted therefor:

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Messrs. Riley & Sargent will hereafter have charge of the news-agency on this road, and will deliver the COURIER-JOURNAL promptly and regularly to all persons on the line of the road wishing it, and will sell it to passengers on the trains at five cents per copy.

Messrs. Griffin & Hoffman, Newspaper Advertising Agents, No. 5 South street, Baltimore, Md., are authorized to contract for advertisements at our schedule rates. Advertisers in that city are requested to leave their favors with them.

CONGRESS IN BRIEF.

In the Senate a petition from the Venezuela Steamship Company, asking redress for the seizure of their ships by Venezuela. Mr. Sumner explained that the Government was to be blamed for the seizures. A petition was received from a large number of women protesting against woman suffrage. The eight-hour law was discussed, and an amendment equalizing the pay of workingmen under this law was offered and referred. Mr. Anthony's retrenchment resolution, with Mr. Trumbull's amendment, was taken up and discussed. The original was passed. A long discussion then followed, but without obtaining a vote on Mr. Trumbull's amendment, the Senate, at 5 P. M., adjourned till Monday. In the House a resolution calling upon the Secretary of the Treasury for information as to the number of persons employed and the total compensation paid therefor in the collection of customs for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1871, with special reference to the districts of New York, Philadelphia, Boston, New Orleans, Baltimore and San Francisco. The appropriation bill was discussed at some length, and the number of members for the House finally fixed at 283, and the bill was then passed.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Dr. MANLY has plenty of good vaccine matter, and will inoculate the poor free of charge.

The Church Guild met at Christ Church last night, and transacted some important business.

Fifty colored cavalry recruits and three white recruits left Louisville yesterday on their way to the frontier.

The usual number of strangers slept at the station-house last night, with a few additional arrivals from Cincinnati.

We are creditably informed that no less than one young ladies of the different schools have signified their intention to visit Frankfort to-morrow.

The children's Christmas festival at St. John's Church will be held on Monday night at the church, being the day of the festival of the Holy Innocents.

The train which will convey the young ladies of the Female High School and their friends to Frankfort to-morrow will leave this city by the Short line road at 8:15 A. M.

MARGIE HERRELL, who was charged with forging checks on S. Barker & Co. and Ullman & Co., was held to bail in the City Court yesterday morning in the sum of $750.

The manufacturers of plug tobacco in this city and vicinity will meet in the Board of Trade room at 12 o'clock to-morrow, to confer with Hon. J. B. Beck, who has promised to meet them at that time.

A SCHOOL is going the rounds in the West End that the Watterson Penitentiary, of Cincinnati, is to be used in future for washing the stragglers and other poor people who are constantly coming here from that city. The police of Louisville feel very jealous over this intelligence.

There is unexpended half for the benefit of the widows and orphans of Phenix Lodge, No. 168, I. O. O. F., was given last night at Odd Fellows' Hall, under the management of a committee composed of Mrs. E. Rothschild, chairman, Misses A. Forst, T. David, J. H. Goodson, and Ed. Gorman. It was an elegant affair.

A FINE, fat, full-grown goose size from morning till night, perched upon a small wooden box, bearing the placard—10,000 geese wanted—which stands in front of the store of Bamberger, grocery grove and attracts great crowds of passers-by, who stop to make out the strange advertisement. Those who come to understand he profound wisdom and great profit of the plan of course be made to leave by any means whatever, unless lifted from her seat.

PERSONAL.

A. Y. Killgore, Esq., of the Glasgow Times, was in the city yesterday.

Col. J. Q. Chenoweth, of the State Senate, is among the recent arrivals at the Galt House.

Ex-Chief Justice Williams, of the Court of Appeals, is in the city attending the bar meeting.

The genial and captivating Proctor Knott is among the distinguished strangers in the city.

W. C. Dorman, agent of Maan'ng's Minstrels, and W. H. Strickland, agent of Wagner's Minstrels, are stopping at the United States Hotel.

Col. J. Stoddard Johnston, of the Frankfort Yeoman, is at the Galt House. Col. Sears and John Martin, Jr., of the Paducah Kentuckian, are also in the city.

Captain Jos. Blackburn, Representative from Woodford county, Ky., Legislature, and leading man of the Railroad Committee of the House, was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. Hollis, the spiritual medium, left for New Orleans yesterday. She will be gone all winter, but will return with the first spring, and resume the development of circles.

The Hon. James B. Beck came down from Frankfort last evening, and is stopping at the Galt House. He looks as fresh as a rose, and looks like a man of sense about the race for Senator.

Capt. Charles A. Peden, who will be remembered by Confederates as a conspicuous official in the Provost Marshal service, was married in Shelbyville a few days since, and passed through Louisville yesterday, en route East.

Col. T. W. Campbell, of Bowling Green; Messrs. W. F. Gregory and Saml. E. Hall, of Hartford, Ky., and Wm. Geo. Baber, of the Bowling Green Democrat, are among the guests at the United States Hotel yesterday.

Hon. J. B. BECK, Hon. J. Proctor Knott, Capt. J. C. S. Blackburn, Col. J. Q. Chenoweth, Col. J. Stoddard Johnson, Gen. Wm. Preston, Major Thos. E. Moss and Jos. Martin, Jr., and a number of prominent lawyers from different portions of the State, were at the Galt House last night.

WOMAN'S RIGHTS.

The Wife's Immunity and the Husband's Responsibility.

We mentioned yesterday the arrest and imprisonment of Mr. Schneider, who refused to pay a judgment for debt of $90, in favor of Rachel Jones, solored. He was liberated yesterday morning, after having lain in jail all night. The prisoner was effected on the ground that he had no property, a fact that he will have to establish next Monday, by taking the insolvent debtor's oath.

Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Brookman entered into a partnership contract, retaining their separate property. He was to have the use of her property for twelve years, in consideration of the support of her three children. If she dies first, he is entitled to have the use of the property by supporting the children until they arrive at majority. In case of divorce each is to take his or her separate property.

The husband claims to be without property at the time, while the wife owns five houses and lots in Louisville, and a hundred acres of fine land in Indiana. In ordinary cases the law would not allow her property to be subjected to the payment of the husband's debts. This case, however, is an extraordinary one, and it is believed that the Chancellor will allow the property to be taken in execution.

The punishment is light compared with the offense. Mrs. Schneider and her pugnacious son went to the house of Rachel Jones and threw all the furniture, not into the street, but upon the commons, and broke a great deal of it to pieces. A very young child was also removed from the building and exposed to the cold blasts of winter. Not content with this, all of which was done without malice or to the occupants, the young man struck the aged negro a severe blow with his fist.

The question now is, how can the $50 be collected? The offender is himself insolvent and in nocent of any crime or misdemeanor; but responsible for the conduct of his wife. Mrs. Schneider is the guilty party, and is an extensive land-owner. How can one easily reach the wife through the husband, and, in this instance, reaching him is "a dry haul." Schneider has not paid the debt, and says that he is not going to pay it. He is playing a bluff game, and so far has succeeded admirably. The case will come up next Monday before Judge Hoke.

Leg Broken.

A man named Adams, brakeman on the freight train which left this city at seven o'clock last night on the Short-line, fell from the cars at Buckner's Station, twenty miles from Louisville, breaking a leg.

CITY BUSINESS.

W. Scott Glore:

This certifies that all tickets are sold this evening at 8 o'clock, and no more can be sold at any price from this office. Very respectfully, A. SMITH, Pr. Peters. Dec. 14, 1871.

☞ Hats, caps and furs, at cost, at J. B. Wood & Son's, 92 Main street, between Third and Fourth.

Kentucky Library Tickets

for sale at W. Scott Glore's until ten o'clock to-night.

☞ If you want a cheap set of furs, go to J. B. Wood & Son's, 92 Main street, between Third and Fourth.

☞ We would call the special attention of all dealers in dry goods, notions and gents' furnishing goods to the advertisement of Messrs. S. Ullman & Co. in another column. Good chance for bargains in their line before they close up their business.

☞ If you want a nice hat for a Christmas present, go to J. B. Wood & Son's, 92 Main street, between Third and Fourth, and get one of their best silk hats, at $6 50. They can't be beat in this city.

SOMEBODY'S LUCK.

The Grand Gift Concert To-morrow—The Music and the Prizes—A Complete Programme of the Day.

How the Tickets are to be Drawn.

The Grand Gift Concert for the benefit of the Public Library of Kentucky comes off in this city to-morrow. A good'y number of strangers are here to witness the drawing and to hear the music, and our own population are manifesting a lively interest in the affair. Everything has been arranged to have the matter result to the satisfaction of all concerned, and it may safely be predicted that the 16th of December, 1871, will be a great day for Louisville.

Two of the largest halls in the city have been secured for the occasion. The concert will take place at the great hall of the Masonic Temple, corner of Fourth and Jefferson, and will be a double entertainment, one in the afternoon and the other at night. The concert in the afternoon begins at 2½ o'clock, and that in the evening at 8 o'clock. Each concert consists of two parts, and will be complete in itself; and it is believed that the music, both instrumental and vocal, selected for this grand occasion, will be satisfactory to all who go to hear it. Any person holding a ticket, half-ticket or quarter-ticket, will be entitled to admission to both of the concerts, and no one without such a ticket will be admitted.

The drawing of the prizes will take place at Weisiger Hall, which is the largest hall in the city. The doors will be opened at 7 o'clock in the morning, and the drawing begin as soon thereafter as the large representing the tickets sold and the boxes containing the prizes can be put into the wheels.

There will be two large glass wheels upon the stage. In full view of the audience, into the layer of these wheels will be put small circular tags cut out of leather, with printed numbers upon them. For every ticket sold one of these tags, bearing the corresponding number, will be put into this larger wheel. The manner in which it will be put 721 cylindrical boxes, in each one of which will be a folded paper, on which is printed the prize it contains.

When the glass wheels are thus supplied with the tags and the boxes, the wheels will be revolved until the tags in the one are thoroughly mixed and the boxes in the other are also well mixed. A blind child will then draw a tag from the large wheel and hand it up in full view of the audience. A gentleman selected for the purpose will then look at the tag and cry the number, and one of the trustees and supervisors, and another gentleman selected for the purpose, will examine and announce whether the number is or is not on the list. Three clerks, selected from banks in the city, will then record the number as cried and proven, and afterwards compare their record.

Another blind child will then draw one of the boxes from the other wheel and hand it up in the presence of the audience. A gentleman selected for the purpose will then take the box from the child and open it in full view of the audience; and the number drawn from it is folded paper on which the prize is printed will unfold itself in full view of the audience so that all can see it. The prize thus drawn will belong to the ticket represented by the tag that was immediately drawn before and will be so announced by the proper officers. After the tag and prize are thus recorded they will be fastened together and laid aside; and thus the process will go on until 721 numbers are drawn from the large wheel and all the prizes from the smaller wheel.

With such a programme as this all must see that fraud is impossible. All the ticket-holders have an equal chance and there can be no possible chicanery connected with the matter. It is likely to draw a prize as another and no human being can possibly know which ticket will draw a prize until the drawing is over.

It is estimated that the drawing of 721 prizes in this mode is no small undertaking. If we allow one minute for the drawing, proving and recording of each prize, it will require twelve hours for the work. It is not likely, however, that the whole of the prizes will be drawn in an average time of one minute to each one, and therefore fourteen hours is as little time as the work may be expected to be done in.

Those who have tickets will do well to wait but a short time for their money. The intervention of Sunday will postpone the payment two days, but whoever presents a ticket which has drawn a prize at the office of the managers on Monday next, will get a check upon the Citizens' Bank for the sum it may be entitled to. The Citizen s Bank is the treasurer of the Library, and the money is all there and ready and waiting to pay each and all of the prizes. All that the holder of a ticket which has drawn a prize will have to do, is to present his ticket to Charles R. Peters, the manager, at his office, No. 121 Main street, and, if the ticket is found all right, the holder will get a check upon the Citizens' Bank for the money. It will be well, therefore, for all persons to be careful of their tickets, as those which draw prizes are payable to whoever present them.

As this is the first drawing of this kind that we have ever had in this city it may be expected that a large crowd will assemble to witness it. In anticipation of a vast assemblage, arrangements have been made for a sufficient police force to keep perfect order at the hall while the drawing is going on. Col. Sears and Col. Warren, the efficient Sheriffs, have detailed two lieutenants and twenty-four men to be about the hall and at the doors to see that the most perfect order is kept. The police will also be there in force on the streets, and no one admit none but those who are entitled as ticket-holders to participate. Any person holding a whole, a half or a quarter ticket is entitled to enter the hall and see the drawing, but none without such tickets can enter.

A complete list of the prizes drawn will be printed and circulated by the management, and sent by mail to ticket-holders out of the city. A like way of those who do not attend the drawing will be as well advised of the result as those who are present.

We have thus given an outline of the proceedings to be had on this interesting occasion, so that all may understand what is to be done. Everything has been so well and carefully arranged that there can hardly be anything but entire satisfaction as the result. Of course, all those who do not draw prizes will be disappointed, but we do not think they will be dissatisfied with the proceedings. Though unlucky themselves, they will admit that everything is so fair and square as it possibly can be who draw the prize are entitled to the money.

"THE COAL QUESTION."

The Present High Prices—Who is Responsible?—Kentucky Coal.

We publish in another column a communication which contains some statements that are startling if true. Our own impression is that there is no excuse for the present high price of coal. We were told yesterday by a gauger that there are now over 4,000 boats waiting at the wharf. Taking into consideration the careful economy which the high price compels the people to employ in its use, and the supplies that were laid by when the coal fleet arrived on the last rise, the amount on hand will be about two months' supply for the city. What reason can be assigned for demanding twenty-eight cents per bushel for coal when there is no prospect of a scarcity of the article for two months?

During the last coal famine some of the best informed coal men got up daily consumption. The economy rendered necessary by the scarcity and high price would reduce that amount, they said, at least one-quarter. Applying this rule to-day, if there is only on hand the 450,000 bushels reported, there is no danger of a famine; and if our correspondent's statements are true there is but one explanation of the high rates, and that is, that there is a combination amongst dealers. We are not prepared to assert this without further proof. It involves a delicate question of private interests, and we prefer to be sure of our ground before we make the charge. The real questions seem to us to be: Is the coal that is here in the hands of the Pittsburgh coal kings or of our own dealers? Are the latter compelled to buy of the former at nearly the price they are charging the people? Or, in few words, who is holding the price up, the Pittsburgh men or our own dealers?

It may be that our city dealers are interested in the mines, and therefore principals in this transaction. Some of them are so interested, but if by can not, probably, control the sales to the trade. However this may be, there is one thing certain, and that is that there is wrong somewhere, and that it ought to be laid on the proper shoulders.

Yesterday Messrs. Crook and Knott were in the city for the purpose of consulting with the management of the Nashville Railroad in relation to the establishment of fixed and reasonable rates for the transportation of coal from the mines along the Knoxville branch road. The absence of Mr. Fitch, the Superintendent, and Mr. Smith, the Freight Agent, prevented the consummation of their arrangement yesterday, but the establishment of such a schedule is probably only delayed. It is said that a new coal mine is to be opened next week at Pine Hill, and it is generally understood that the recent maneuvers of the Pittsburgh coal kings have greatly stimulated interest in home mining. It is more than probable that, in grasping after all that is in sight, the Pittsburgh men will promote the development of Kentucky mines within easy reach of us to such an extent as to seriously interfere with their monopoly of the coal business. Thus, even high prices bring their compensation, though the poor people who suffer sometimes think that it is a long time coming.

More than She Bargained For.

Lawrence Flierty about two months ago got on a spree and beat his wife most unmercifully. She had him arrested, thinking that a few days' imprisonment would help his disposition and improve his manners. The court, however, on hearing the case, sentenced Flierty, not to a few days, but to a whole year's imprisonment at the work-house. Mrs. Flierty was amazed, and deeply regretted the step she had taken, but the sentence was carried into effect, and Flierty has been breaking rocks ever since. The wife is now beginning to suffer considerable inconvenience on account of his absence. She lives in Bugg Alley, near Eleventh and Main streets, has a baby only a few weeks old, and was about to freeze to death for want of fuel, but a load of coal was ordered to her house yesterday from police headquarters. She is making an effort to have her husband pardoned, and says that she will not quarrel with him any more when he gets drunk, for after all he is a pretty good fellow.

CITY COUNCIL.

Inauguration of the New Board—Election of Officers—Valedictory of President Long.

The General Council met last night for the purpose of closing up the little business left over from last meeting, and giving the new boards a clear field. In the lower board, after some routine business, President Long addressed the members as follows:

GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL: This meeting will be the last of this Council, and our official acts have become a part of the historical record of our municipal government. While no great questions of public policy have been called into attention, yet the local legislation of this board has been of a satisfactory character. Diligence and close application on our part have secured the passage of many needful ordinances. If the city charter can withstand the legislative assaults of the latter and the action of our courts, when our legislation is brought before them, the work of our committees has been thorough, and all matters have been properly acted upon so far as the fund to the credit of our appropriation account would allow. The Department of our city, I am gratified to state, is in a healthy and prosperous condition. In fact our city never in the history of her past enjoyed so great a degree of prosperity. When we in our legislation have secured one worthy and efficient Mayor with his resolute and timely vetoes, has held us in check, and the wise and guiding hand of one efficient City Attorney and his assistant has separately and as right. The city has since the organization of the present board under the new city charter, paid judgments rendered against the city under the old charters to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars. Out of fifty suits in jury cases during the past two years, or since our organization under the new charter, only one out of the five has been against us, and in a suit for three thousand dollars, and judgment against the city was obtained for only $135. This, sir, itself speaks in glowing terms of our efficient and able City Attorney. In conclusion, gentlemen, I would ask for the continued attention and care of the departments of our City Government, and, before we dissolve the official relation of this Board, allow me to express my gratitude for the many blessings I have received at the hands of a merciful Providence. We have been blessed in our person with health, if not in happiness. In order to pay my respects to the board again for the universal kindness and friendly co-operation which said relations have ever existed, I have given me in the discharge of my duties as your presiding officer. OLIVER LUCAS, Clerk.

LOUISVILLE, DEC. 14, 1871.

To the General Council of the City of Louisville:

GENTLEMEN—You are assembled to-night as a new Council, to organize and enter upon the work of legislation for the next two years. It is important that your committees be formed at once, so as to dispose of the business now before the Council, and to be prepared for any question that may require a reference.

As last year I had the honor to be second man in the membership of your boards, you are, as a body, familiar with the committees for the past year, and cognizant of the nature of such business now pending. It will require time, under the new charter, only one out of the five has been against us, and in a suit for three thousand dollars, and judgment against the city was obtained for only $135. This, sir, itself speaks in glowing terms of our efficient and able City Attorney. In conclusion, gentlemen, I would ask for the continued attention and care of the departments of our City Government, and, before we dissolve the official relation of this Board, allow me to express my gratitude for the many blessings I have received at the hands of a merciful Providence. We have been blessed in our person with health, if not in happiness.

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Laura Landrum, Warsaw; Judge S. F. Love, Greenville; Judges C. Eaton, Hopkinsville; J. Ward, Litchfield; J. C. Thompson, Greenville; H. H. and W. F. Bradley, Russellville; Judge M. H. Cofer and lady, Elizabethtown; W. H. Yost, Jr., Greenville; R. D. Murray, Elizabethtown; Lewis Brown, Breckinridge county; Wm. Stanford; W. E. Haydon, Bardstown; J. A. Gentry, Shelbyville; Mrs. Col. Crittenden, Frankfort; Judge E. J. Bullock, Columbus.

A New Art Gallery.

Messrs. Fitch & Lindsey, having no room for the display of paintings in their establishment on Fourth street, found it necessary to build an addition in the rear of their store, which was designed and constructed especially for the purpose of displaying to advantage their large collection of paintings. This room has just been finished in elegant style, the paper, moldings and frescoing serving as excellent specimens of their work in that line. It is an attractive place, aside from the paintings which adorn its walls. It is, in short, a complete and elegant gallery, where the productions of the best artists are shown to advantage—where the finer qualities of the best paintings may be closely scrutinized and the faults of others may be readily detected—and it will be a most delightful resort of recreation for citizens and strangers who wish to spend a leisure hour in studying and admiring the productions of the most popular artists of the world. There is no gallery in this country superior to this. Even New York can boast of no better.

Messrs. Fitch & Lindsey have added to their fine collection of paintings four of oil paintings received from Europe, which are very costly, including: "At the Fountain," by E. Lebel, of Rome, valued at $800; "Mother and Child," valued at $400; "Duck-shooting," valued at $200; "Soap Bubbles," "Old Mother's Darling," $200, and others, all of which are originals by eminent artists. These, added to their already large collection of rare paintings, chromos and colored photographs, make Lindsey which is well worthy the attention of our people.

Apropos to this, we append the following communication from a lady writer, who is an admirer of true art in every form, and has a very pretty way of giving her opinion:

"Upon visiting the new picture-gallery of Messrs. Fitch & Lindsey, on Fourth street, I were attracted by two lovely pictures framed from the easel of Mr. Ver Bryck. The one of Mrs. Ver Bryck, entitled 'Dream of Fair,' like a "dream of poetry that may not be spoke." The artist has succeeded in placing before our mind the image of Eve as she came forth from the hand of the Creator. All painters, God himself. In the attitude there is a modesty and a breathing sweetness in every lineament of the face. The whole figure is perfection, and is closely resembling her great prototype.

Thus Ver Bryck has placed in contrast with the "other, the light and shadow, which the painter loves. Her picture, we have not yet seen, is the "queen of the world." In that attractive transition stage, between the rollicking schoolgirl and the young maiden on the threshold of maturer life, there she stands, with beaming eyes, and a face expressing in its glorious redundancy over a form moulded into perfect symmetry. These two pictures should be kept, by all means, in the city of Louisville and her possession in its original type. Mr. Ver Bryck has been lucky in securing them. He has also purchased in such pictures as Mrs. Robert Atwood's, Mrs. Dr. Cooke's and Louisville may justly be proud of her lovely women. Grecian nor Italian sculptor ne'er fashioned aught more beautiful.

AMUSEMENTS.

Opera-house.

Mr. Emmet's songs and many jolly features in Fritz were applauded boisterously by a large house last night. Fritz is repeated this evening.

The Orphans' Fair.

The attendance in the lower hall of the Weisiger building was the largest last night the Orphans' Fair has had, and the display was as many and attractive, and among the most attractive that under the auspices of St. Michael's church, and the ladies in charge of the whole southern side of the hall. Various valuable articles are on raffle for, including a $300 horse and a handsome set of silver. The whole is a pretty and attractive affair, and it is to be hoped that such good fortune may be continued.

A Pleasant Affair.

We are happy to be able to record a very pleasant affair as having taken place on Wednesday night, at the Dominican Convent on Sixth street. The members of St. Dominic's Brass Band, knowing that Father Meagher's departure for Ireland was fixed for the close of his stay, determined to give him an agreeable surprise, and at the same time to testify the feelings of respect and affection which they entertained for him. Accordingly they assembled in force in the parlors of the Dominican Convent on Wednesday evening, where they "woke the echoes of the night" by some of the finest music that has ever been heard in this city. Father Meagher responded to the serenaders in a few appropriate words, in which he thanked them sincerely for the honor they had done him, and expressed the hope that when he should return to Louisville, he would find them able to discourse with any band in the city. St. Dominic's band has been in existence for little more than half a year, but it has already attained a remarkable proficiency, and the performances on Wednesday night were not unworthy of adepts in the musical art. Altogether, the affair was a very pleasant one, and we are sure that Father Meagher has gone away with pleasant recollections of the entertainment which will not be easily effaced.

Extension of the Adams Express Company.

The Adams Express Company have just extended their lines through Kansas and the Indian Territory, and now have direct communication with Port Gibson and all Southern Kansas. In consequence of this extension, express rates have been reduced about 25 per 100 pounds, as, heretofore, to reach that country from Louisville, shipments had to be carried by three express companies—the Adams, or American Merchants' Union, the United States and Wells, Fargo & Co. Each company, whose line in possession of the Adams Express Company, they have reduced the tariff on both freights and money packages, and contracts can be made at their office in this city to all points in that part of the country. Within six months they expect to reach Texas by the same route.

Boys Arrested by the Federal Authorities for Wearing "False Faces."

Three boys, each about eighteen years old, were brought to the city yesterday from Lincoln county, and incarcerated in jail on the charge of Ku Klux'ing. Their names were registered as J. R. Ronald, H. Gooch and A. Hall. Deputy United States Marshal Wyatt, who made the arrest, states that these boys were wearing "false faces" about the neighborhood, which circumstance frightened the negroes, and made them take out a warrant of arrest. Mr. Wyatt thinks that they will be released when the trial comes off in May. But the fact of their arrest and imprisonment on so frivolous a charge is a striking comment on the condition to which the country has been brought by the party in power.

A Grand Turkey Shooting Match.

Stickrod's great turkey-shooting comes off at Parkland to-day, and will be the event of the season. Five hundred turkeys have been secured for the occasion, and a rare day's sport may be anticipated. Parkland is made convenient to all parts of the city by the cars which run every few minutes, and a large crowd is expected to be on the ground and participate in the shooting match. It is an excellent chance to win a fat Christmas gobbler, or a half-dozen of them, for that matter.

Shooting Within the City Limits.

Two negroes named Robert Churchill and David Blair were arrested yesterday near the corner of Fifth and Zaïé streets, on the charge of shooting each other within the city limits. Officer Shelly took charge of their guns, and started to the jail with a prisoner on each side. After going half a square the prisoners attempted to escape, and Robert Churchill succeeded. The other was locked up in Twelfth-street station-house.

The Shanahan Case.

The opinion of the Court of Appeals, in the case of Mat. Shanahan, involving a very important constitutional question, will be handed down this morning in our report of the courts. It is, in effect, that drunkenness of itself will not reduce murder to manslaughter, though, to rebut malice, it may be given in evidence. The opinion of the court is both comprehensive and interesting, and is a valuable document.

The Fire Last Night.

The alarm of fire about 7 o'clock last night was occasioned by a slight burning in the roof of the cook-room at the St. Cloud Hotel. The fire caught in the ceiling under the tin roofing, and had made but little headway when discovered. The Watkins engine arrived in a few minutes, and extinguished the flames, but not until they were under complete control by the use of the Babcock Fire Extinguisher.

FIRST IN THE FIELD.

The Louisville, Harrodsburg and Virginia Railroad.

The Louisville, Harrodsburg and Virginia railroad have presented their claims and projects in the letter advanced by the president thereof to the citizens of Louisville, which will be found in another column. Colonel Duncan asks the city to subscribe $500,000, which he says will insure the building of the road. The gentleman connected with the project is upon the ground, and intend to give us a sample of energy. And at the same time the project (novel to American views) is brought forward of a line of railway on the "macadamized" system. It is to cost, it says, at a cost of only $15,000 per mile. And it is backed up, too, by the positive assurance of England's great engineer, J. Scott Russell, the head of the company is upon the ground, and workmen are already so much has been effected in the past sixty days. The motives of policy, as indicated by Colonel Duncan, are certainly strong points for the consideration of Louisville.

In addition to the various qualities which fit the president for the charge of an important business, a railway is, perhaps, his primitive vocation, he having been in that highest school of engineering, the United States Coast Survey, for a considerable time in the immediate party of Professor Bache, the superintendent thereof. Only for this we should be having for much *fun*, it is exceedingly probable that Colonel Duncan, in following that profession, would have been to-day one of our leading engineers, his unmatched talent having been considered in the light of a prodigy, even as a mere schoolboy.

As the Harrodsburg People has lately indulged in some severe criticisms upon the conduct of Louisville relative to the building of railroads through the central part of the State, and has intimated that this particular scheme was a sham from the beginning, intended only to thwart other and legitimate enterprises, we recommend the communication to our confrere as a suitable reply, which may, perhaps, change his opinions. Certainly such gentlemen as the two lovely, pleasant fellow Dorn and Col. Warren (Grigsby, of Boyle, and Adams, Todd; rehearing granted, and cause submitted.

Jonathan, &c., vs. Thomas, &c., Montgomery; opinion modified.

Young vs. Bracken, motion to affirm as delay-case overruled.

Cooper vs. Linde, assignee, &c., Marion; Mattingly vs. Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company, Marion;

National Bank of Lebanon vs. Campbell, &c., Marion;

Talbot, &c., vs. Phillips & Scally, &c., Marion;

Tilman & Co. vs. Cloyd, Marion;

Goode's adm'r vs. Goode, Marion; submitted on briefs.

Francis and wife vs. Woods, &c., Garrard; report of corresponding attorney filed, and argument for appellees by Mr. Napoleon H. Bradley, for appellants, and Aaron Harding, for appellees.

IMPORTANT CRIMINAL DECISION—DRUNKENNESS OF ITSELF WILL NOT REDUCE MURDER TO MANSLAUGHTER, THOUGH TO REBUT MALICE, IT MAY BE GIVEN IN EVIDENCE—SHANAHAN VS. COMMONWEALTH AND LIKE CASES OVERRULED.

Matthew Shanahan, } Jefferson Circuit Court—
Commonwealth. } Pryor, Chief Justice.

OPINION IN FULL.

The appellant was indicted with the Jefferson Circuit Court for the murder of C. W. Montgomery, and under the charge was tried by a jury, found guilty, as charged, and sentenced to be hung, and this appeal prosecuted from the judgment. It is unnecessary to detail the substance the facts proved on the trial, in order to determine the propriety of the refusal of the court below to give certain instructions asked by the counsel for the appellant, and the refusal of others in lieu thereof. It appears from the evidence that the appellant, on the 23d of August, 1870, about 9 o'clock P. M., or one announced his intention of going to see Montgomery (the deceased), for the purpose of getting his (appellant's) stone hammer, saying that Montgomery had taken it away. It is also proved that he formed that the deceased was working for a man named Shanks, went to Shanks' grocery, and inquired for Montgomery, and was told that he was at work in the woods, half-mile distant. He then left Shanks' house, and went and purchased a quart of whisky, and then going in search of Montgomery, he found him and one Applegate at work. Applegate testifies that appellant and the deceased met each other in a friendly manner, and engaged in conversation relative to deceased having previously worked for him, and appellant offered to employ him again. The three drank the quart of whisky, and late in the evening returned to Shanks' grocery where they took another drink and had the quart bottle refilled. Applegate says he left them late, when they were still friendly and drinking. After night appellant and the deceased left Shanks' house, and went in company to Brown's residence, 500 yards distant, where the deceased was boarding, reaching there after midnight, and appellant was refused admittance, refused to permit appellant to remain all night, but upon the deceased suggesting that he or appellant would sleep in the stable if Brown persisted, he consented that appellant might remain all night. The two then entered Brown's family room, placed the quart bottle of whisky on the mantel, with about one-third of its contents gone, and conversed with Brown fifteen or twenty minutes, when the deceased and appellant and Frances testifies that when they reached the floor above he heard a scuffle and fall, and Montgomery cried out, "You have killed me." Hurrying up stairs, he met appellant coming down with a knife in his hand, and ordered him not to leave. He, however, escaped through the back door, but a few days afterwards was arrested. Brown found Montgomery badly cut in various places, and his entrails protruding, from which cutting he died in a short time. He had no weapons, and, so far as the circumstances indicate, offered no resistance. He said that appellant had killed him without cause. The evidence shows that appellant, when sober, is a quiet, peaceable man, but when in liquor he is drunk is boisterous, unruly, and always when in that condition ready to attack friend or foe. There is no doubt that both appellant and the deceased were laboring under the influence of liquor at the time of the killing.

Appellant's counsel in his argument relies on five grounds for reversal, viz: 1. Because the verdict is against the evidence. 2. An improper effort on the part of the attorney for the Commonwealth to convict the accused. 3. That the special judge had no power to pronounce the judgment upon the verdict. 4. That the court misinstructed the jury. 5. That the court refused to properly instruct the jury. This court has no power to review a judgment of conviction, for the first two grounds relied on for reversal, and the only question presented by the record is whether the court erred in refusing instructions asked by the appellant, and in giving other instructions in lieu thereof. It is insisted that the instructions asked are correct, and those misleading, and inapplicable. Whilst instructions given by the court on matters as to how proof should be as plain and concise as possible, and no more in number than the case requires, still the court is not required to give two instructions, and the court in lieu thereof, and in the exercise of its discretion, may give about one-half the number; the most of which contain the law of the case, and were certainly not improper to be given.

The report on the part of the defense from the legal principles applicable to the facts, was to reduce the offense from murder to manslaughter by reason of the drunkenness of the defendant at the time of the killing. The propriety of the instructions on this branch of the case will depend on the construction the instructions given by the court are substantially correct. In opposition to given by the court are substantially as follows: That if at the time of the alleged commission of the crime of murder the defendant was in a state of intoxication, produced by voluntarily drinking spirituous liquors, and not with the design of committing the crime, or with a reckless disregard of human life or the influence of whisky to such an extent as to seriously impair the power of the mind, in which case they should find him not guilty of murder, but, if guilty at all, of voluntary manslaughter.

The counsel for appellant insists that the following instructions asked by him should have been given, but obtaining any of the qualifications embraced in instructions given by the court: That if at the time of the killing, the defendant was intoxicated from the use of whisky, and the killing was produced by him while in such condition, but without malice, express or implied, must be proven in order to constitute the crime of murder; and in the absence of malice, no conviction can be had for such an offense; and in determining the question of malice at the time of the killing, whether drunk or sober, should be considered by the jury. In connection with other facts in determining the question of malice. That, in the trial of a case where the fact of drunkenness appears, it may be a circumstance advantageous to the defendant in the consideration of malice, if proved beyond a reasonable doubt by the jury. But it is also a well rule of the common law that voluntary drunkenness cannot be set up in favor of the commission of crime. Instead of palliating the offense, it was held an aggravation of the crime committed. The general object of the American authorities upon this subject have greatly restricted the excuse given by the law to establish as law the reverse of the proposition, viz: that voluntary drunkenness, instead of aggravating the crime committed, is held to be a mitigation of the punishment, and upon an indictment for murder, the defendant may show a state of intoxication was resorted to in order to stimulate him to the commission of the crime, the fact of drunkenness itself is held sufficient to reduce the crime from murder to manslaughter. Such is the law of the land. Drunkenness is made an offense for which a penalty may be inflicted, and is a violation of the laws of good morals, as well as the laws of the land. It may be proper, out of charity to the passions of men, to consider drunkenness often either their passions or appetites, not to adhere to the principles of the law, and to avoid and add to the punishment of one who, by committing a penal offense, places himself in such a condition that he cannot be trusted to commit no still greater crime. But whilst we sanction this modification of the common law doctrine, we are disposed to think that neither the interests of society nor the wisdom and justice of the law will be promoted by allowing the judicial tribunals of the country to establish the legal principle, that the violation of one law, resulting in the voluntary deprivation of the passions of men, shall be deemed a sufficient cause for mitigating the punishment of the crime committed upon those who commit great crimes. The law of England, and especially of this country, is manifest this excuse (drunkenness), and how weak an excuse it is (though real), will not suffer any one to doubt who will look at the statistics of the criminal docket of Jefferson county for the past year. If it is true that the use of whisky is the cause of so many crimes,